

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF OAKHAM  
MASSACHUSETTS



*West Brick Schoolhouse*

1959

# West Brick Schoolhouse

*(Cover sketch by William A. Sampson)*

The early history of the West Brick Schoolhouse is somewhat vague because since 1763, the year the first appropriation for schooling was made, until 1874 the school district system was in effect and information concerning the actual properties is scanty.

However records do show that a building known as the "West Schoolhouse" was built in 1791 and it seems probable that this is the building now known as the West Brick Schoolhouse and owned by Mrs. Maude M. Arnold of Worcester.

When the school district system was discontinued and the schools taken over by the town the Board of Assessors of the Town of New Braintree was engaged to appraise the eight existing schoolhouses and the value of the West Brick school was listed at \$700.

The school was closed in 1920 because of the small number of students and the high cost of maintenance. Miss Helena Rutherford was the last teacher.

Probably as many as 150 different teachers have served at this school during the years including James Allen, Henry P. Wright, Moses O. Ayres, Henry A. Crawford, Miss Mae E. O'Donnell, Miss Mildred Burt and Miss Rutherford.



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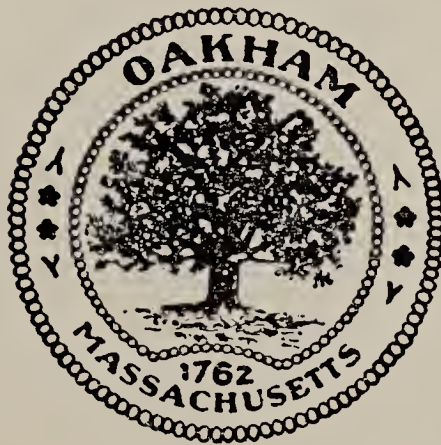
OF THE

## TOWN OFFICIALS

OF THE

## TOWN OF OAKHAM

Massachusetts



Year Ending December 31, 1959

BARRE GAZETTE  
BARRE, MASS.

## TOWN OF OAKHAM

Incorporated June 7, 1762

Area 20.99 square miles  
13,400 acres

Population 522 - Census of 1955

Road Mileage 43.89 miles

### Elevations

Town Hall 1050 feet above sea level.

Highest point 1141 feet above sea level.

To the citizens of Oakham:

The following reports of the officials of the Town of Oakham are submitted to you with the intention of giving as completely as possible a report and record of the affairs of the Town during the year ending December 31, 1959.

We feel that the people, organizations and officials of the Town are to be commended for their continued cooperation and initiative throughout the year.

WALTER W. NELSON  
JOHN P. O'DONNELL  
ROGER H. LONERGAN

Board of Selectmen

## Town Officers for 1959

### Three Year Terms

#### Town Clerk

DOROTHY P. DAY Term expires 1961

#### Selectmen

WALTER W. NELSON Term expires 1960  
 JOHN P. O'DONNELL Term expires 1961  
 ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman Term expires 1962

#### Assessors

CHESTER M. ROOD, Chairman Term expires 1960  
 LUDWICK SZCZUKA Term expires 1961  
 W. FRANCIS BRENNAN Term expires 1962

#### Board of Public Welfare and Board of Health

WALTER W. NELSON, Chairman  
     Board of Health Term expires 1960  
 JOHN P. O'DONNELL Term expires 1961  
 ROGER H. LONERGAN, Chairman,  
     Board of Public Welfare Term expires 1962

#### School Committee

WILLARD C. RUTHERFORD,  
     Chairman Term expires 1960  
 MARY H. PARSONS, Clerk Term expires 1961  
 PHILIP E. DWELLY,  
     January 1 through March 2  
 FREDERICK G. STONE,  
     March 3 through December 31 Term expires 1962

#### Library Trustees

RAYMOND H. FIELD, Chairman Term expires 1960  
 ELEANOR T. MAYO, Clerk Term expires 1961  
 WINIFRED B. LANE, January 1 through March 2  
 FANNIE B. M. TUCKER,  
     March 3 through December 31 Term expires 1962

**Cemetery Committee**

THEODORE F. MURPHY	Term expires 1960
NELSON E. MAYO	Term expires 1961
FREDERICK G. STONE, Chairman	Term expires 1962

**FIVE YEAR TERMS****Planning Board**

W. FRANCIS BRENNAN	Term expires 1960
CHESTER M. ROOD	Term expires 1961
ROBERT P. WILE	Term expires 1962
RICHARD G. RILEY, Chairman	Term expires 1963
RUSSELL E. CROMBIE, Clerk	Term expires 1964

**ONE YEAR TERMS****Moderator**

FREDERICK H. LANE

**Tax Collector**

O. HAROLD ERICKSON, January 1 through March 2  
 MAUDE M. STONE, March 3 through December 31

**Treasurer**

W. FRANCIS BRENNAN

**Auditor**

CHANNING M. BILLINGS

**Tree Warden**

RALPH T. YOUNG, JR., January 1 through March 2  
 SUMNER J. CRAWFORD, March 3 through December 4  
 H. ROSCOE CRAWFORD,  
 December 7 through December 31

**Fence Viewers**

DONALD C. AGAR  
 WALTER W. NELSON                      VERNON S. TUCKER

**Constables**

O. HAROLD ERICKSON  
 LEONARD A. HARDY                      ROGER H. LONERGAN  
 GEORGE H. PARKMAN                      FREDERICK G. STONE



WALTER W. NELSON, January 1 through March 2

WALTER E. COLE, March 3 through December 31

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

CHARLES R. DEAN

**Measurers of Lumber**

ALFRED B. MORSE

WALTER A. WOODIS

CHARLES R. DEAN

**Field Drivers**

JEROME D. MURPHY, January 1 through March 2

FREDERICK G. STONE, January 1 through March 2

EDWARD J. YOUNG, January 1 through March 2

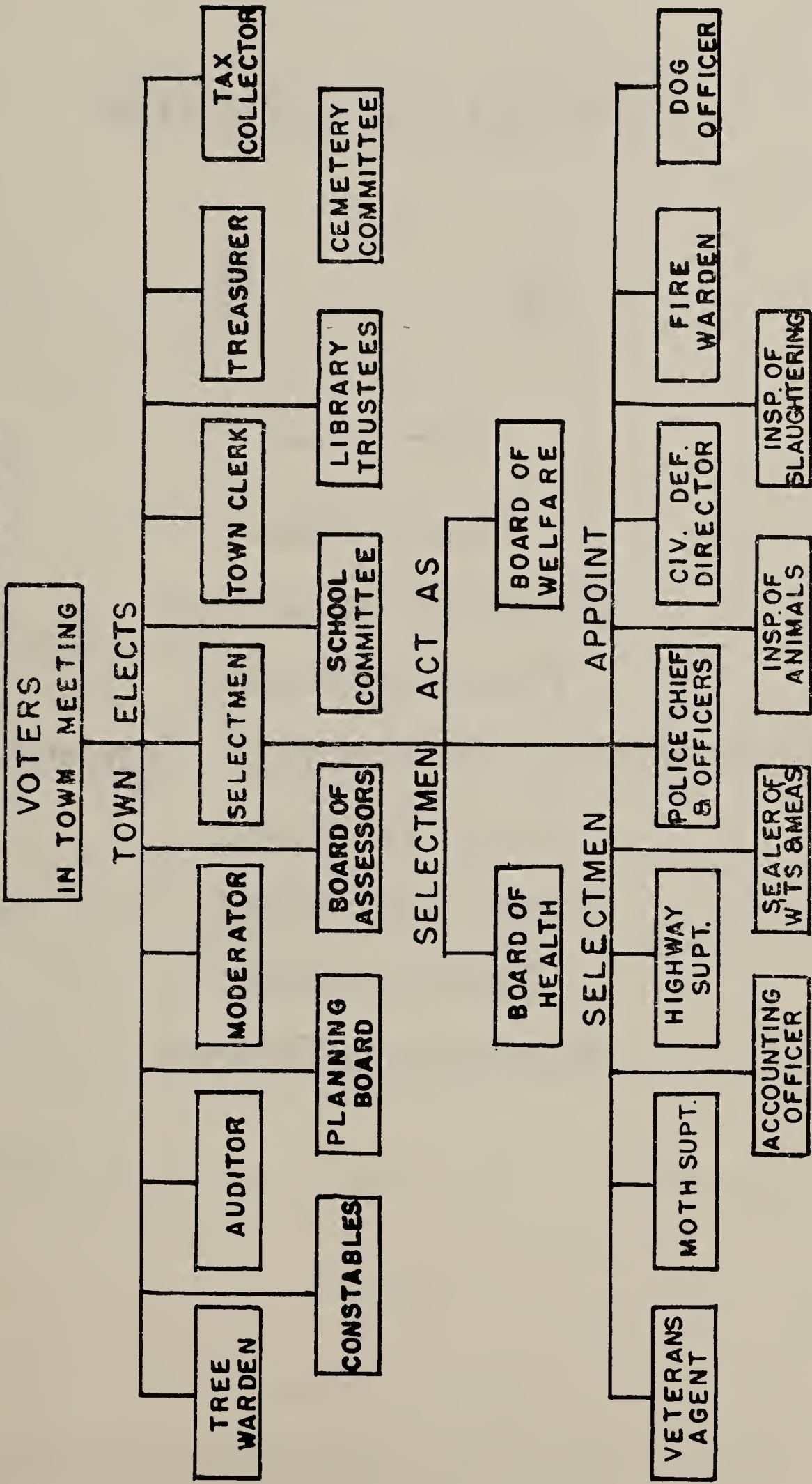
NORMAN L. DROLET, March 3 through December 31

GORDON W. LOWELL, March 3 through December 31

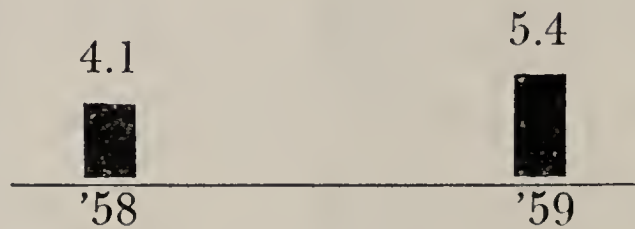
WILLIAM A. SAMPSON, March 3 through December 31



# OAKHAM TOWN GOVERNMENT



## GENERAL GOVERNMENT



Reports of the

**Town Clerk**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Planning Board**

**Bicentennial Celebration Committee**

**Town Treasurer**

**State Examiners**

**Tax Collector**

**Accounting Officer**

Note: Graphs on this and following pages show total expenses in thousands of dollars.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## Vital Records of 1959

## Births

## January

- 1—Sally Ann Jamara, daughter of Stanley and Marie E. (Archambault) Jamara.  
10—Patricia Joan Whipple, daughter of Norman J. and Doris P. (Burt) Whipple.

## March

- 17—Karen Jean Nelson, daughter of Carl R. and Elizabeth A. (Hardy) Nelson.

## May

- 11—Sandra Lee Zelnia, daughter of Joseph P. and Ann M. (Savoie) Zelnia.

## July

- 11—Berton Arthur Wilkins, son of Ronald W. and Gloria H. (Holway) Wilkins.

## August

- 11—Brenda Joyce Crawford, daughter of Henry R. and Cecile A. (Courteau) Crawford.  
31— - - - Casault, daughter of Charles T. and Mabel E. (Tucker) Casault.

## October

- 25—Shelley Mae Wells, daughter of George F. and Patricia E. (Bucci) Wells.

## December

- 30—James Worth Parsons, son of James B. and Bettyanne (Strange) Parsons.

## Marriages

## January

- 10—John W. Kemp, Oakham, and Joan C. Gibbons, Rutland.  
31—Joseph C. Miller, Oakham, and Sally A. Kaloustian, Oakham.

## May

2—Harold F. Spielvogel, Oakham, and Flora P. Farrar, Boylston.

## June

6—Arthur F. Bealand, Oakham, and June D. White, North Brookfield.

13—Victor S. Adgalanis, Spencer, and Virginia A. Foley, Oakham.

## Deaths

	Y	M	D
January			
8—Arthur Webb	79	5	23
31—Ethel J. (Babcock) Viner	77	7	11
April			
14—Frank Joseph Lupa	85	5	12
29—Edward Herbert Kennan	61	8	22
August			
4—Harold Frank Spielvogel	56	9	20
31—Casault			Stillborn
September			
1—Thomas J. Moran	60	11	15

## Non-Residents Buried in Town

April			
24—Mercedes L. (DeFosse) Buckley	39	--	--
October			
7—----- Roberts (male)			Stillborn
15—Edith L. (Hastings) Kenyon	78	8	17
27—Jeremiah L. Dunn	95	10	25
December			
5—Roger Conant	75	2	19
15—Charles W. Grime	66	--	--

## Dog Licenses

66 Males at \$2.00	\$132.00
20 Females at \$5.00	100.00



38 Spays at \$2.00	76.00
1 Kennel License at \$10.00	10.00
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125 regular licenses issued, also	\$318.00
1 transfer	
Fees retained, \$.25 each	31.25
Net return	\$286.75

Six more licenses were issued this year than last. Owners, or keepers of dogs are responsible for licensing them when they become three months of age. The dog licensing year begins on April 1. Licenses are available about March 20, and will be mailed upon request. Nearly one half of the dogs in town were licensed by mail during the past year.

For dogs already licensed in another community, transfer licenses should be secured. The cost is 25 cents. There is no charge for the transfer of a license from one owner to another within the town.

The metal tag given with the license should be attached to the dog's collar or harness. In case of loss or damage, a duplicate tag may be obtained for 10 cents.

### Sporting Licenses

30 Fishing at \$3.25	\$ 97.50
36 Hunting at \$3.25	117.00
38 Sporting at \$5.25 (hunting and fishing)	199.50
12 Minor Fishing at \$1.25	15.00
6 Female Fishing at \$2.25	13.50
1 Non-Resident 3-Day Fishing at \$2.75	2.75
1 Non-Resident Hunting	15.25
2 Duplicate at \$.50	1.00
3 Sporting (free)	.00
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129	\$461.50
Fees retained, \$.25 each except duplicate and free	31.00
Net return	\$430.50

Sportsmen are faced this year with the increase in the price of licenses advocated for several years by the Division of Fisheries and Game. Resident fishing and hunting licenses cost a dollar more, sporting licenses, two dollars more than last year.

The special non-resident 3-day fishing license has been replaced by a 7-day license, and for the first time may be purchased by aliens. Both changes will be an advantage to out-of-state fishermen. The cost of the special license is \$4.25.

Resident citizens over 65 years of age who are receiving old age assistance are entitled to a free fishing license, and all resident citizens over 70 may receive a free sporting license, which gives hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges.

Except for the duplicate series, it is not necessary to apply in person for licenses, and upon request they will be mailed.

### **Filed**

34 Financing Statements in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code.

## **ACTION TAKEN AT TOWN MEETINGS DURING 1959**

### **Annual Town Meeting March 2**

Votes on election of officers and on routine articles have been omitted. For appropriations not included, see department reports and the statement of accounts prepared by the accounting officer.

#### **IT WAS VOTED**

##### **Article 1**

That the annual reports of the several town officers be accepted as printed.

##### **Article 9**

That the sum of \$1,100 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance and that, in addition, the sum of \$12,100 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state's share of the cost of the work, reimbursements to be restored, upon their receipt, to surplus revenue.

## Article 10

That the sum of \$1,600 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and that, in addition, the sum of \$3,200 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state's and county's share of the cost of the work, reimbursements to be restored, upon their receipt, to surplus revenue.

## Article 11

That the sum of \$2,600 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, these funds to be used in conjunction with state and county allotments for improvements of Spencer and New Braintree roads.

## Article 12

That the sum of \$50 be raised and appropriated for the Civilian Defense Organization.

## Article 13

That the sum of \$800 be raised and appropriated to be used to pay the accrued interest on the outstanding funded and fixed debts of the town and on any temporary loans which may be necessary during the year.

## Article 14

That the sum of \$4,000 be raised and appropriated to be used to pay the notes of the town coming due during the fiscal year.

## Article 15

That the sum of \$400 be raised and appropriated to be used to complete the repairs and improvements to Henry Wright Ball Park.

## Article 16

That the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus for the purpose of a Reserve Fund.

## Article 17

That the sum of \$1,500 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account.

## Article 18

That the Board of Assessors be authorized and instructed to take the sum of \$8,000 from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for the current year.



## Article 19

That the following trust funds left to the town be accepted:

The trust fund of \$200 received from the Elmer V. Newton Estate for perpetual care of Lot No. 12 in Pine Grove Cemetery.

The trust fund of \$100 received from Eugene Cherbuy for perpetual care of Lot No. 8 in Pine Grove Cemetery.

The trust fund of \$200 received from the estate of Florence E. Bothwell for perpetual care of the Cheney Bothwell Lot in South Cemetery.

The bequest of \$100 was received from Eugene Reed for the purchase of books for the Fobes Memorial Library.

## Article 20

That the matter of rules and regulations governing the use and maintenance of the town dump, be referred to the Planning Board for study and drafting, and thereafter submitted to the Board of Health for action, at a special town meeting within ninety days from this date. (March 2, 1959).

## Article 21

That a committee of five members to be known as the "Oakham Bicentennial Celebration Committee" be appointed by the Moderator and that this committee be authorized and instructed to start plans and preparations for said celebration and to submit a report of their activities at the next annual town meeting. The moderator, Frederick H. Lane, announced that he would appoint the members of the committee after consulting with the Board of Selectmen.

## Article 22

That the following amendment be made to the town by-laws:

## CHAPTER V

## Board of Appeals

## Section 1

A Board of Appeals is hereby established in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 81Z of the General Laws, consisting of three members



to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one for a term of three (3) years, one for a term of two (2) years, and one for a term of one (1) year and thereafter one to be appointed each year for a term of three years.

The vote was by show of hands. Thirty-one were in favor; one was opposed.

Total amount to be raised and appropriated — \$90,325.26, which is \$10,013.44 more than was voted at the annual meeting on March 3, 1958.

Forty-seven voters attended the meeting.

**Special Town Meeting  
August 12, 1959**

IT WAS VOTED

Article 1

That the sum of \$3,000 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account.

Article 2

That the Selectmen be authorized to purchase a new tractor complete with loader and mower and to turn in the tractor, loader, and mower now owned by the town as part payment therefor, and that the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated from the Highway Machinery Account, and the sum of \$800 be borrowed under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws for use to complete payment of the balance due, payments on the loan to be made on notes of the town as they come due.

Article 3

That the School Committee be authorized to use a portion of the school cafeteria as a temporary classroom and that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated from unappropriated available funds in the treasury and the sum of \$500 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus to defray the cost of necessary alterations.

Seventeen persons were present for voting on the first two articles; twenty-one were present for discussion of and voting on Article 3.

Special Town Meeting  
December 29, 1959

IT WAS VOTED

Article 1

That the sum of \$1,200 be transferred from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account.

Article 2

That the Police Department be authorized to purchase a radio transmitter-receiver system, funds for this purchase to be included in the Police Department appropriation at the next annual town meeting.

Article 3

That the matter of transferring \$79.85 from the Elections and Registration Account to the Police Department Account, be passed over.

Article 4

That the proposal to transfer the sum of \$100 from the Fire Insurance Account to the Police Department Account, be passed over.

Article 5

That the proposal to transfer the sum of \$50 from the Miscellaneous Account to the Police Department Account be passed over.

Article 6

That the sum of \$800 be appropriated from the Overlay Surplus for use to meet outstanding charges and expenses for Snow Removal and Sanding for the current year.

Fifteen persons were present at the meeting.

DOROTHY P. DAY, Clerk

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The organization of the Board continued the same throughout the year with Roger H. Lonergan, Chairman, Clerk and Welfare Prudential Committee Member and with Walter W. Nelson, Chairman of the Board of Health.

Regular meetings were held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and special meetings were held as required.

A general summary of the duties and activities of the Board follows:

**Appointments**

Chief of Police	Walter E. Cole
Fire Warden	Elwin H. Whitman
Sealer of Weights and Measures	Frederick H. Stone
Moth Superintendent	
March 10, 1959	Sumner J. Crawford
December 8, 1959	Roscoe Crawford
Wire Inspector	Leroy C. Spinney
Civilian Defense Director	Elwin H. Whitman
Dog Officer	Waclaw Smichinski
Inspector of Animals	Henry W. Stone, Jr.
Inspector of Slaughtering	Henry W. Stone, Jr.
Veterans' Agent	Anthony A. Lupa
Superintendent of Streets	Ralph T. Young, Jr.
Burial Agent	Frederick H. Stone
Custodian of Town Hall	Charles Casault
Town Counsel	Ralph W. Igoe
Accounting Officer	Roger F. Langley

**Special Police Officers**

Frederick H. Stone	Walter W. Nelson
Harold E. Black, Jr.	Leonard A. Hardy
Howard S. Dean	O. Harold Erickson

**Jury List**

Russell F. Crombie	John Mann
Alice V. Foley	Stephen L. Barr
Howard F. Kemp	Anthony A. Lupa
Robert P. Wile	



**Board of Appeals**

Lewis A. Hodgkinson

Stanley Jamara

Raymond H. Field

**Finances**

The financial affairs of the Town were carried out under the State System of Accounting for the first full year. Complete records of receipts, expenditures and debts were kept by the Accounting Officer who also forwarded periodical statements of expenditures and balances to the various town officials.

During the year a total of 26 Treasury Warrants were approved authorizing the payment of \$159,000.31 as compared with \$152,631.24 in 1958.

A breakdown of the total payments and a distribution of the operating expenses are given below.

**Breakdown of Total Payments**

Operating expenses	\$143,358.00
Retirement and withholding payments, refunds, etc.	4,806.81
Deposits of bequests, interest, perpetual care funds, etc.	863.00
Repayment of temporary loans.	9,000.00
Alden Fund	972.50
Total	<hr/> \$159,000.31

**Distribution of Operating Expenses**

Classification	Total Expended	Percent of Total
General Government	\$ 5,437.32	3.8
Public Safety	4,172.43	2.9
Health and Sanitation	4,840.99	3.4
Streets and Highways	41,552.00	29.0
Public Assistance	17,066.79	11.9
Schools and Education	57,549.65	40.1
Recreation and Unclassified	5,919.28	4.1
Cemeteries	2,313.29	1.6
Interest and Maturing Debts	4,506.25	3.2
Totals	<hr/> \$143,358.00	<hr/> 100.0



### **General Government**

Since a new tax collector took office in March an audit of the books and accounts of the tax collector from the period from May 1, 1958, the date of the previous audit, to March 12, 1959 was made by the State Examiners.

Summaries of the tax and excise accounts as determined from this audit are included in conjunction with the Tax Collector's report.

### **Streets and Highways**

Work was continued on the final section of Spencer Road and by the end of the year the subgrade and drainage had been substantially completed. The remaining work to be done on this section consists of final grading and surface treatment, and should be completed in 1960. Plans are being made to start work on the reconstruction of New Braintree road in 1960.

General maintenance of the streets and highways of the town was continued under Chapter 81 and 90 Maintenance as usual.

A report of a study of traffic conditions at the junction of North Brookfield Road and Route 122A was received from the Planning Board and the matter was taken up with the State Department of Public Works. New and larger traffic signs were placed on Route 122 and the stop sign on North Brookfield Road was legalized. However a hazardous condition still exists and further steps are under consideration.

### **General**

Work on Wright Park for the year consisted of loaming and seeding the remainder of the little league section of the ball field. Continued cooperation received from contractors, organizations and citizens of the town was greatly appreciated.

The work on improvements to the Center Cemetery, started in 1956, was continued under the supervision of the Cemetery Committee and by the end of the year about two thirds of the cemetery had been loamed and seeded and the headstones reset.

In April a report outlining a suggested program for Dump Control was received from the Planning Board and

while this did not constitute a set of rules and regulations as called for in article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting it was given careful consideration.

New signs were erected and the face of the dump was lowered so that it would be less visible from the road and so that the entire face of the dump could be bulldozed. Also a lower ramp was constructed so that it would be possible to dispose of refuse farther from the road.

We feel that if continued care is exercised by the townspeople it will be possible to maintain and improve the dump without undue expense.

### **Licenses, Permits and Receipts**

#### **Licenses and Permits Issued**

- 1 Oil storage Permit
- 2 Permits to remove loam or topsoil
- 1 Auctioneer's license

#### **Receipts**

Sale of Surplus Materials	\$1.00
Auctioneer's License	2.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. NELSON  
JOHN P. O'DONNELL  
ROGER H. LONERGAN,

Board of Selectmen

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board takes pleasure in submitting its second annual report to the citizens of Oakham.

During the year in review, after consultation with the Land Court of Massachusetts and the State Department of Planning, the Board on January 8, 1959 declared that the plan of land in Oakham, submitted by Mr. Frank K. Packard, Jr., constituted a subdivision within the meaning of the Subdivision Control Law.

On February 19, 1959 a plan of land submitted to the Board by Mrs. Lillian Sargent Safstrom, to be conveyed to Anthony A. and Dorothy V. Lupa was declared not to constitute a subdivision within the meaning of the Subdivision Control Law.

March 19, 1959 pursuant to action taken at the annual town meeting on Article 20, a sub-committee of the Planning Board was appointed to draft a suggested set of rules and regulations relative to the use of the Town Dump. On April 16, 1959 the sub-committee submitted its report. It was voted to accept the report and that it be referred to the Board of Health for action.

### **Suggested Program for Town Dump Control**

#### **I. Disease Breeding Factors**

- A. A regular schedule for baiting and spraying and earth fill established by the Board of Health after consultation with the Federal Wildlife Service, Division of Rodent Control, and/or other like agencies, for the purpose of controlling the Rodent and Fly population.
  - 1. Limiting of dump face will substantially reduce cost of control.

#### **II. Limited Dump Face**

- A. Limit dump face (actual available dumping area at any given time) by earth bank with cut.
  - 1. New face when needed by bulldozing new cut and filling old face.

#### **III. Limiting of Dumping to Residents of Oakham**

To be strictly enforced.

- A. Regular constables patrol every day for a 30-day period.



1. Chief of Police and constables to work out schedule of patrol.
  2. Deputize others, if needed.
  3. If constable patrol is not feasible, appoint Dump Master for a 30-day period.
  4. Evaluate enforcement achieved at end of 30-day period and continue or adapt as indicated or needed.
  5. Prosecution and publicity for offenders should be a MUST.
- B. If "A" is inadequate ---
1. Fence dump area completely with locked gate.
  2. Limit dumping hours to weekend schedule.
  3. Appoint Dump Master.
  4. Continue daily Constable patrol on weekdays (Mon.-Fri.)
- C. Limit dumping trees, branches, earth to pit at David Labonte.'s.
1. Mr. LaBonte assents.
  2. Obtain permission of abutters.
  3. Burn pit monthly with Fire Company present.
- IV. Screening of Dump from View
- A. Planting of Evergreen tree screen when above details are under control.
- V. Long Range View  
(as above I-IV).
- A. Also acquire from State of Massachusetts, if need be, area enough to cut road completely around dump area.
1. To provide additional dump face area.
  2. To provide fire road.
  3. To provide rotary traffic.

(This report submitted to the Planning Board by its Sub Committee, Mr. Chester Rood and Mr. Robert Wile; submitted by the Planning Board to the Board of Health on April 20, 1959).

On May 21, 1959 the report of the committee to study the traffic problem at the intersection of Route 122 and North Brookfield Road was accepted. It was voted that the Chairman present the report to the Selectmen at their next regular meeting. The Board wishes to call attention to this hazardous existing condition, with alleviation in mind,



in view of any proposed improvement, change, or relocation of Route 122 by the State Department of Public Works.

There has been discussion throughout the year on the advisability of a Capital Budget Plan. Such a plan provides the basis for the Town to time its Capital expenditures. It calls for a thorough analysis of our past progress, present condition, and future needs.

The Planning Board recommends serious consideration by the Town of an article looking toward the creation of a Budget and Finance Committee.

The Planning Board also recommends, for similar consideration, an article looking toward the creation of a Board of Health separate and distinct from all existing Town boards and committees.

It is a feeling of this Board that the base of all government should be broad. This is its strength and thus the will of the people finds its greatest expression.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Riley, Chairman  
Robert Wile  
Chester Rood  
Francis Brennan  
Russell Crombie, Clerk

REPORT of the OAKHAM BICENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The Oakham Bicentennial Committee is a nucleus for other committees which are to be formed within the next 3 years in preparation for the Town's 200th Anniversary.

The Committee has held three meetings during this past year and have discussed numerous possibilities of ways to celebrate the event. However since this is an Anniversary for all it is hoped that any or everyone will feel free to offer suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. SPINNEY, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER****General Fund**

Balance on hand January 1, 1959	\$ 32,024.73
Total Receipts	161,103.08
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	\$193,127.81
Expended during 1959	158,027.81
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Balance on hand December 31, 1959	\$ 35,100.00

**Alden Fund**

Balance on hand January 1, 1959	\$ 3,374.52
Total Receipts	677.94
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	\$ 4,052.46
Expended during 1959	972.50
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Balance December 31, 1959	\$ 3,079.96

TRUST and CEMETERY FUNDS

Account	Balance Jan. 1, 1959	Interest & Dividends	With- drawals	Balance Dec. 31 1959
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	\$ 377.75	\$ 12.35		\$ 390.10
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds Income	1,877.73	658.49	1,166.89	1,370.33
Cemetery Perp. Care Funds Principal	11,169.74	300.00*		11,469.74
Library Funds				
Ethel Braman Fobes	131.63	5.40		137.03
B. P. Clark	1,729.66	79.69	706.41	1,102.94
Samuel R. Dean	1,608.30	66.30		1,674.60
Harriet F. Gifford	5,303.92	180.50		5,484.42
Fobes Memorial	2,689.29	123.94		2,813.23
J. H. O. Lovell	306.23	14.09		320.32
Carl Wheeler "Fobes"	1,067.11	34.96		1,102.07
Alfred Parks Wright	657.01	30.26		687.27
Henry Wright Park Fund	374.26	15.42		389.68
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	\$27,293.63	\$ 1,521.40	\$ 1,873.30	\$26,941.73

\* Accepted March 1, 1959.



MUNICIPAL DEBT ACCOUNTS ————— DECEMBER 31, 1959

Account	Inside		Outside		Total
	Debt	Limit	Debt	Limit	
Municipal Building Remodeling Loan - 1950	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00
Municipal Building Remodeling Loan - 1951		1,000.00			1,000.00
School Building Remodeling Loan			\$	6,000.00	6,000.00
Fire Station Loan		10,000.00			10,000.00
Totals					
	\$12,000.00	\$	6,000.00	\$18,000.00	

Respectfully submitted,  
W. FRANCIS BRENNAN,  
Treasurer

## STATE AUDIT OF TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS

## Poll Tax - 1956

Recommitment May 1, 1957, per Warrant	\$ 4.00
Outstanding December 31, 1958 and March 12, 1959, per list to be recommitted	4.00

## Personal Property Taxes - 1956

Recommitment May 1, 1958, per warrant	216.58
Payment to Treasurer, May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$ 99.93
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1958 and Mar. 12, 1959, per list to be recommitted	116.65
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	\$ 216.58

## Real Estate Taxes - 1956

Recommitment May 1, 1958, per warrants	\$ 204.35
Payments to treasurer May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$ 10.05
Outstanding December 31, 1958	194.30
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	\$ 204.35
Outstanding December 31, 1959	\$ 194.30
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 12, 1959	\$ 60.30
Outstanding March 12, 1959, per list, to be recommitted	134.00
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	\$ 194.30

## Poll Taxes - 1957

Recommitment May 1, 1958, per warrant	\$ 54.00
Payments to treasurer May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$ 28.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, and Mar. 12, 1959, per list to be recommitted	26.00
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	\$ 54.00

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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**Personal Property Taxes - 1957**

Recommitment May 1, 1958, per warrant	\$	392.94
Payments to treasurer, May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$	143.52
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1958 and Mar. 12, 1959, per list to be recommitted	\$	249.42
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	\$	392.94

**Real Estate Taxes - 1957**

Recommitment May 1, 1958, per warrant	\$	3,485.29
Payments to treasurer May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$	1,789.18
Outstanding December 31, 1958		1,696.11
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	\$	3,485.29
Outstanding January 1, 1959	\$	1,696.11
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 12, 1959	\$	227.44
Collections real estate taxes 1957 Reported as:		
Interest on taxes		145.42
Poll taxes 1958		6.00
Outstanding March 12, 1959 per list to be recommitted	\$	1,317.25
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	\$	1,696.11

**Poll Taxes - 1958**

Recommitment May 1, 1958, per warrant	\$	320.00
Payment and abatement refunded May 1 to December 31, 1958		2.00
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	\$	322.00
Payments to treasurer May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$	256.00
Abatements May 1 to December 31, 1958		18.00
Outstanding December 31, 1958		48.00
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	\$	322.00

Outstanding January 1, 1959	\$ 48.00	
Payments and abatements refunded		
January 1 to March 12, 1959	2.00	
Collections real estate taxes 1957		
reported as poll taxes 1958	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 56.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
March 12, 1959	\$ 10.00	
Outstanding March 12, 1959, per list		
to be recommitted	46.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 56.00

#### Personal Property Taxes - 1958

Commitments May 1 to December 31, 1958		
Per warrant	\$ 11,882.70	
Additional committment, per warrant	65.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,947.95
Payments to treasurer May 1 to		
December 31, 1958	11,150.69	
Abatements May 1 to December 31, 1958	27.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1958	770.26	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,947.95
Outstanding January 1, 1959	\$ 770.26	
Abatements real estate taxes 1958		
reported as personal property taxes 1958	2.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 772.51
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
March 12, 1959	\$ 150.64	
Outstanding March 12, 1959, per list,		
to be recommitted	621.87	
	<hr/>	\$ 772.51

#### Real Estate Taxes - 1958

Commitment May 1 to December 31, 1958		
per warrant	\$31,126.95	
Payments and abatements refunded		
May 1 to December 31, 1958	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$31,306.95



## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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Payments to treasurer May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$22,640.18	
Abatements May 1 to Dec. 31, 1958	1,517.53	
Outstanding December 31, 1958	7,149.24	
	<hr/>	\$31,306.95
Outstanding January 1, 1959		\$ 7,149.24
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 12, 1959	\$ 2,664.79	
Abatements real estate taxes 1958 reported as personal property taxes 1958	2.25	
Outstanding March 12, 1959, per list to be recommitted	4,482.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,149.24

**Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax - 1957**

Recommitment May 1, 1958, per warrant		\$ 714.65
Payments to treasurer May 1 to December 31, 1958	\$ 250.55	
Outstanding January 1, 1959	\$ 464.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 714.65
Outstanding January 1 1959	464.10	
Payments and abatements refunded January 1 to March 12, 1959	6.57	
	<hr/>	\$ 470.67
Payments to treasurer January 1 to March 12, 1959	\$ 13.00	
Abatements motor vehicle and trailer excise 1957 reported as motor vehicle and trailer excise 1958	6.57	
Outstanding March 12, 1959, per list, to be recommitted	451.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 470.67

**Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise - 1958**

Commitment May 1 to December 31, 1958, per warrants	\$ 8,318.19
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Payments and abatements refunded		
May 1 to December 31, 1958	61.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,379.49
Payments to treasurer May 1 to		
December 31, 1958	\$ 4,495.08	
Abatements May 1 to		
December 31, 1958	970.74	
Outstanding December 31, 1958	2,913.67	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,379.49
Outstanding January 1, 1959	\$ 2,913.67	
Commitment January 1 to March 12,		
1959, per warrants	889.42	
Abatements motor vehicle and trailer		
excise 1957 reported as motor vehicle		
and trailer excise 1958	6.57	
Payments and abatements:		
Refunded January 1 to		
March 12, 1959	\$108.69	
To be refunded	72.83	
	<hr/>	181.52
	<hr/>	\$ 3,991.18
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
March 12, 1959	\$ 2,099.91	
Abatements January 1 to		
March 12, 1959	176.76	
Outstanding March 12, 1959, per list,		
to be recommitted	1,690.50	
Cash balance March 12, 1959 due from		
O. Harold Erickson, Collector	24.01*	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,991.18

#### Farm Animal Excise - 1957

Recommitment May 1, 1957, per warrant	\$ 82.95
Payments to treasurer May 1 to	
December 31, 1958	\$ 42.71
Outstanding December 31, 1958, and	

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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March 12, 1959, per list, to be  
recommitted 40.24

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\$ 82.95

**Farm Animal Excise - 1958**

Commitment May 1 to December 31, 1958,  
per warrant \$ 264.74

Payments to treasurer May 1 to  
December 31, 1958 \$ 170.60

Outstanding December 31, 1958 94.14

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\$ 264.74

Outstanding January 1, 1959 \$ 94.14

Payments to treasurer January 1 to  
March 12, 1959 34.75

Outstanding March 12, 1959, per list  
to be recommitted 59.39

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\$ 94.14

**Interest and Costs on Taxes**

Interest and costs collections:

May 1 to Dec. 31, 1958 \$ 65.81

Jan. 1 to Mar. 12, 1959 31.82

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\$ 97.63

Collections real estate taxes 1957  
reported as interest on taxes 145.42

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\$ 243.05

Payments to treasurer:

May 1 to December 31, 1958 \$ 210.21

January to March 12, 1959 32.84

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\$ 243.05

\*Paid to treasurer by  
O. Harold Erickson

\$ 24.01



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1956	
Outstanding March 20th, 1959	\$ 254.65
Paid Treasurer	\$ 247.95
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1959	6.70
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	\$ 254.65 \$ 254.65
1957	
Outstanding March 20, 1959	\$ 1,592.67
Paid Treasurer (Real Estate, Personal Property, Poll)	1,087.59
Abatements	8.00
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	497.08
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	\$ 1,592.67 \$ 1,592.67
1957	
Outstanding March 20, 1959	\$ 40.24
Farm Animal Excise	
Paid Treasurer	\$ 40.24
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	\$ 40.24 \$ 40.24
1958	
Outstanding March 20, 1959	
Real Estate	\$ 4,482.20
Personal Property	621.87
Poll Tax	46.00
Paid Treasurer	\$2,900.20
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	2,249.87
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	\$ 5,150.07 \$ 5,150.07
1958	
Outstanding March 20, 1959	
Farm Animal Excise	\$ 59.39
Paid Treasurer	\$ 41.53
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	17.86
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	\$ 59.39 \$ 59.39
1959	
Outstanding from April 10, 1959	
Poll Tax	\$ 300.00
Personal Property	14,573.90

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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Real Estate		38,602.30
Paid Treasurer (Poll)	\$ 228.00	
Abated	14.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	60.00	
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	\$ 302.00	
Refunded	—2.00	
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	\$ 300.00	
Paid Treasurer (Pers. Prop.)	13,824.88	
Abated	131.92	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	617.10	
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	\$ 14,573.90	
Paid Treasurer (Real Estate)	\$30,336.74	
Abatements	1,516.16	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1959	6,980.40	
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	\$38,833.30	
Refunded	—231.00	
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	\$38,602.30	

1959

Outstanding April 13, 1959		
Farm Animal Excise		\$ 269.91
Paid Treasurer	\$ 206.25	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	63.66	
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	\$ 269.91	\$ 269.91

**Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise**

1957

Outstanding March 20, 1959		\$ 451.10
Paid Treasurer	\$ 406.16	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	44.94	
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	\$ 451.10	\$ 451.10

1958

Outstanding March 20, 1959		\$ 1,690.50
Paid Treasurer	\$ 1,395.53	
Paid directly to Treasurer	20.10	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	276 64	
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	\$ 1,692.27	

Refunded	—1.77	
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	\$ 1,690.50	\$ 1,690.50
	1959	
Outstanding from June 26, 1959		\$ 8,362.52
Paid Treasurer	\$ 5,337.52	
Abatements	603.15	
Outstanding Dec. 31st, 1959	2,453.52	
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	\$ 8,394.19	
Refunded	—31.67	
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	\$ 8,362.52	\$ 8,362.52

**Interest and Costs**

Total Collected		\$ 321.60
Paid Treasurer	\$ 321.60	
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	\$ 321.60	\$ 321.60

**SUMMARY**

Total Taxes Collected	\$48,625.36
Total Motor Vehicle Excise Collected	7,139.21
Total Animal Excise Collected	288.02
Total in Lieu of Taxes	5,570.51
Total Interest and Costs Collected	321.60
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	\$61,944.70

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE W. STONE,  
Collector of Taxes



## REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

To the Citizens of Oakham:

I herewith submit my annual report as your Accounting Officer for the period between January 1, 1959 and December 31, 1959.

During the year I met with the Selectmen at their regular meetings and presented 26 Treasury warrants for their approval. These warrants listed expenditures which totalled \$159,000.31 for 1959.

Receipts for 1959 totalled \$161,341.65, and a detailed list of these receipts, showing sources and amounts, has been prepared for your information. Cash Balance on January 1, 1960 was \$34,779.62.

The outstanding debt of the town, as of December 31, 1959 stands at \$18,000.00. Of this amount \$12,000.00 is inside the debt limit, and \$6,000.00 is outside the debt limit. Temporary loans of \$7,800.00 and \$800.00 will be paid early in 1960 from highway reimbursement and from Revenue.

A Balance Sheet showing the financial standing of the town will be found in this report, as well as a statement showing expenditures from various appropriations and other accounts.

I wish to thank the Selectmen and other officials of the Town for their usual excellent cooperation.

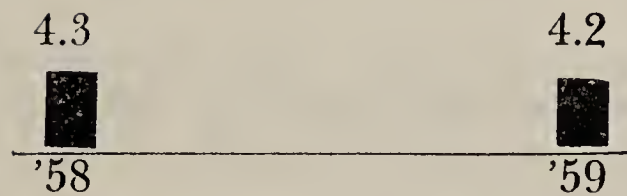
Respectfully submitted,

ROGER F. LANGLEY,

Accounting Officer



## PUBLIC SAFETY



Reports of the

Chief of Police  
Fire Department  
Moth Superintendent  
Wire Inspector



**REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Expended	280.50

The Police Department has continued its policy of preventing law violations wherever possible instead of spending large amounts of time and money in making arrests and prosecuting violators.

Traffic patrols have been continued and frequent checks have been made of unoccupied properties.

At the present time our greatest need is for some form of radio communication system, preferably one tied in with the State Police. This would make it possible for us to get help or necessary information from any location without loss of valuable time.

We started looking into the various possibilities right after the last Special Town Meeting and expect to be able to have information available for the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter E. Cole,

Chief of Police

**REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00
Expended	2,494.35

**Fires Reported During Year**

- 3 Chimney Fires
- 6 Brush or grass fires
- 6 Fires at town dump

During the year 1959 we have been very fortunate in being able to confine all fires reported to negligible losses with no deaths or personal injuries.

The Fire Department is extremely grateful to all persons for their cooperation and assistance in all matters pertaining to fire prevention.

During the past year several violations concerning the

installation of oil burners have been discovered. There are strict regulations governing the installing of oil burners and the storage of fuel oil. Since these regulations are for the benefit of the home owner he should insist that they be followed.

Respectfully submitted,

ELWIN H. WHITMAN,  
Chief of the Fire Department

## REPORT OF THE MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT

### Insect Pest Control

Appropriation	\$	300.00
Expended		299.00

### Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation	\$	300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.50

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Available	\$	300.50
Expended	\$	300.50

All work done during the year was on Dutch Elm Disease control. All elm trees along the town roads were sprayed and a total of 28 diseased trees were cut down and destroyed. Also 10 trees on M.D.C. property were cut down and destroyed by the State.

Since no aid was received from the State this year all work was done at the expense of the town. However we expect to receive reimbursement for part of the cost of the work done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. ROSCOE CRAWFORD,  
Moth Superintendent

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

During the year of 1959, I have made fifteen inspections of electrical installations in the town.

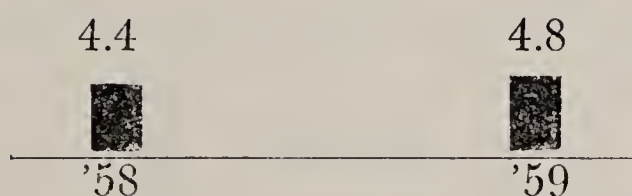
As inspector of wires, I wish to advise all home owners to evaluate the service which electricity provides us and to respect it by using proper size fuses at all times and to make sure their homes are adequately wired.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY C. SPINNEY,

Inspector of Wires

## HEALTH and SANITATION



### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

In 1959 the Board of Health received many inquiries about polio immunization for adults. After conferring with the State Board of Health and learning that free vaccine was available only for children under one year of age and expectant mothers the Board scheduled two clinics, one for June 16th and one for July 21st. These were primarily for first and second shots for adults with no set age limits. Included at both clinics were children who had not had first, second or third shots. As the State Board recommended a fourth booster shot this was also administered at these clinics. A small fee was charged to help pay for the vaccine and the attending physician.

In all 148 inoculations were administered.

At the request of the Board wells on two properties to be purchased under VHA loans were tested by the State Department of Health and reports forwarded to the owners.

Several complaints were received as to a possible source of pollution at Lake Dean. Because of the nature of the complaints the State Department of Health was called in to assist in the investigation. After water samples had been taken and tested the Department ruled that the condition was not a health menace. Samples taken from the beach at Lake Dean were also tested and the water found suitable for public bathing.

During the summer the local board met with a representative of the State Department to discuss future health problems and the advisability of setting up health and sanitation rules and regulations for the town.



Further action on this matter is dependent upon the adoption of a State sanitary code.

The Board again wishes to remind the people that the law requires that all cases of contagious diseases be reported to the Board.

#### Receipts

Sale of Milk & Cream permits	2
Sale of margarine permits	1
Collection of garbage permits	1

Respectfully submitted,

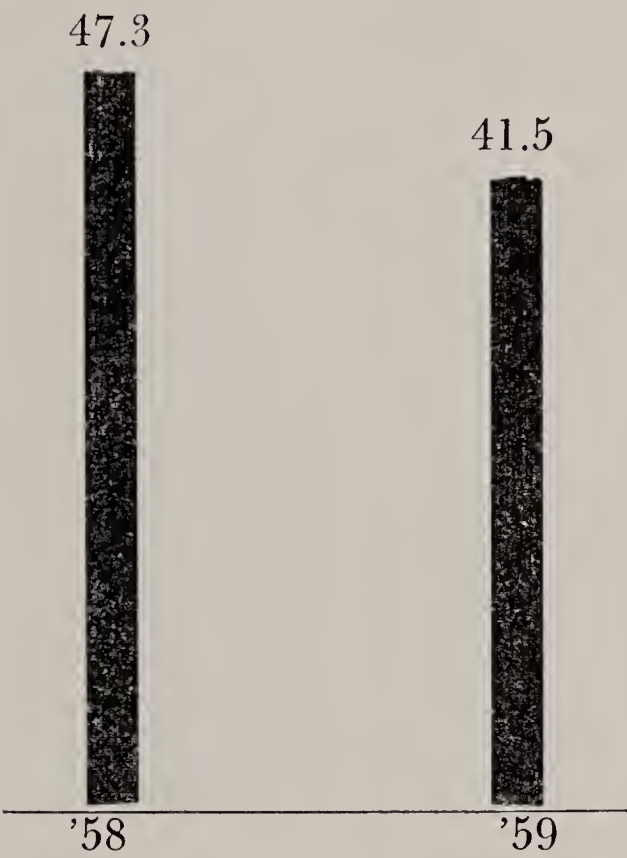
WALTER W. NELSON

JOHN P. O'DONNELL

ROGER H. LONERGAN

Board of Health

STREETS and HIGHWAYS



REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Account	Total Expended	Total to be Reimbursed	Net expense to Town
Chap. 81 Maint.	\$13,199.90	\$12,099.91	\$ 1,099.99
Chap. 90 Maint.	4,798.64	3,199.09	1,599.55
Chap. 90 Const.	10,398.90	7,799.18	2,599.72
Snow and Sand	6,570.81	None	6,570.81
Totals	\$34,968.25	\$23,098.18	\$11,870.07

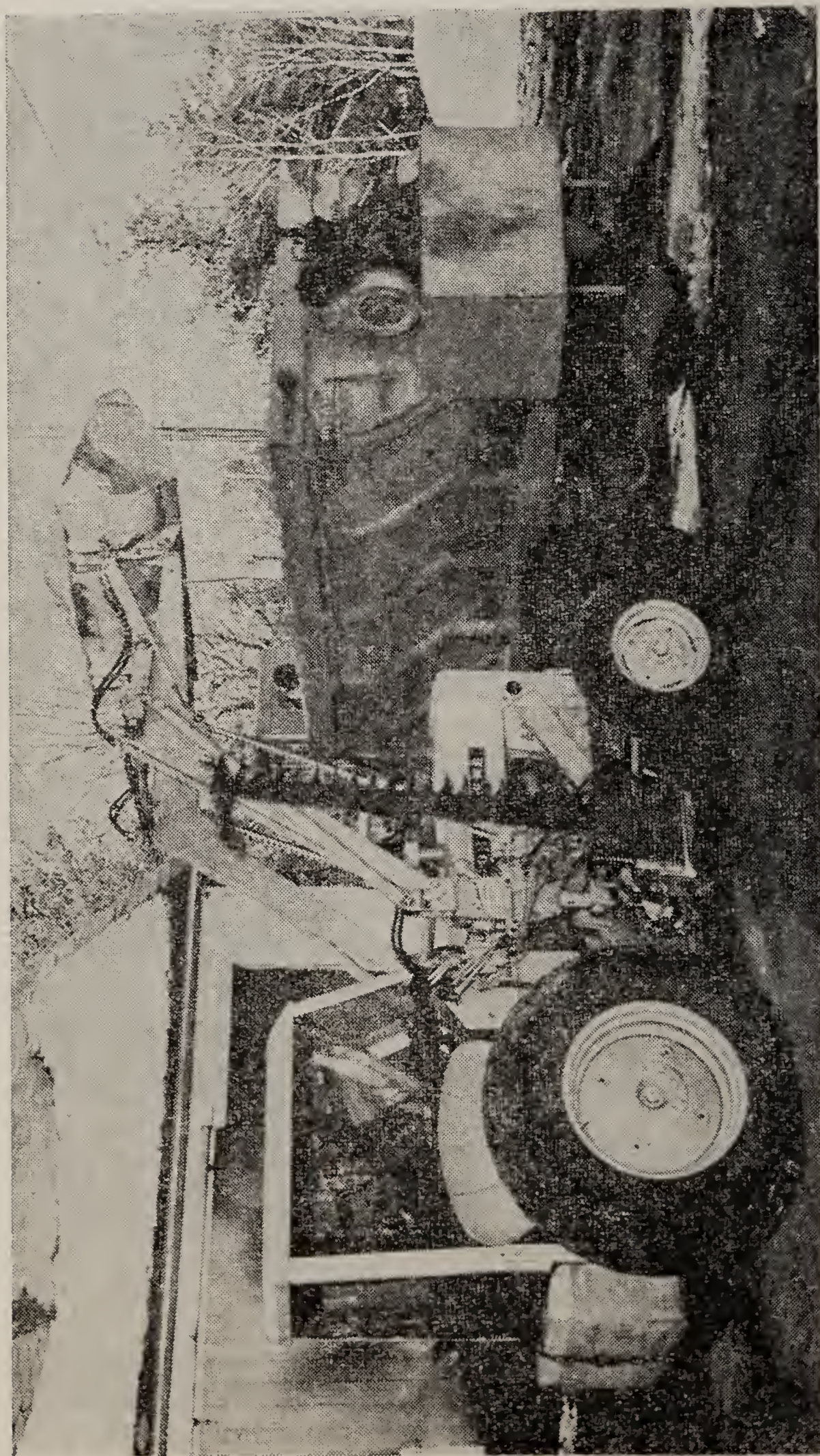
Purchase and Maintenance

Received from Machinery Fund	\$ 5,700.00
Expended	5.437.25

Unexpended and returned to  
Machinery Fund \$ 262.75

Total highway expenses, exclusive of Purchase and Maintenance costs, showed a decrease of about \$4,600 from those for 1958. This was due to a reduction of \$1,600 in





John Deere Industrial Tractor and Good Roads Automatic Sander.



the Chapter 90 Construction allotment and of about \$3,000 in the Snow Removal and Sanding costs.

Purchase and Maintenance charges amounted to \$5,437.-25 of which \$2,495.91 went towards the purchase of a new John Deere Industrial Tractor complete with an Anderson Loader and Mower. The remaining cost of the tractor was covered by a short term loan of \$800.

With the purchase of this tractor, loader and mower we now have two trucks, an automatic sander and a tractor, all in good working condition.

## CHAPTER 81 MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of road surfaces, shoulders, and waterways was continued. Also, working in conjunction with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company about 80% of the roadsides of the town were sprayed with weed and brush eradicator.

### Chapter 81 Maintenance Special Work

Location	Description of Work
New Braintree Road	— Install 15" Pipe Culv.
Ware Road	— Fill 600 ft. ditch with gravel tailings. Open 400 ft. of ditch.
Robinson Road	— Calcium 1350 ft. from town line east.
Bechan Road	— Excavate, gravel and surface 300 ft.
Hapgood Road	— Install 15" pipe culv. & gravel.
Stone Road	— Gravel 500 ft.
Rutherford Road	— Gravel and surface 200 ft.
Maple Street	— Install 15" pipe culv.
Barre Road	— Shape shoulders and put up guard posts.
Georges Lane	— Construct 2100 ft. bituminous gravel road surface.
Gaffney Road	— Install 24" pipe culv.
Hunt Road	— Gravel, scarify and resurface 200 ft.
Adams Road	— Gravel 600 ft.

In addition to the above 24,000 feet of existing bituminous gravel roads were surface treated.

### Chapter 90 Maintenance

North Brookfield Road — 6,000 ft. resurfaced using asphalt and crushed stone.



**Chapter 90 Construction**

Spencer Road — 3,000 feet of roadway cleared, excavated and gravel base constructed.

**Equipment**

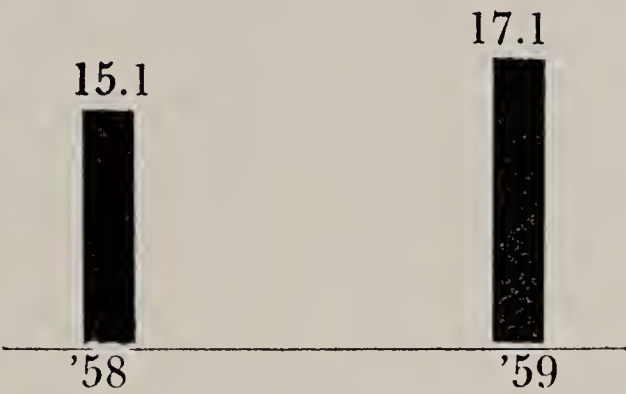
Principal items of highway equipment owned by the town.  
(December 31, 1959)

- 1—1956 Ford F-6 truck.
- 1—1958 Chevrolet 6100 truck.
- 1—John Deere Industrial Tractor.
- 1—Anderson loader
- 1—Anderson mower.
- 1—Good Roads automatic sander.
- 4—Snow plows.
- 1—Sander.
- 1—Power grindstone.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH T. YOUNG,  
Highway Superintendent

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE



Reports of the

Board of Public Welfare  
Charlton Home Farm

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Town Appropriation	\$ 9,000.00	
Refunds	4.20	
	\$ 9,004.20	\$ 9,004.20
Federal Grants Account 1-1-59	\$ 2,176 78	
Federal Receipts	8,175.00	
Total Federal Funds Available	\$10,351.78	\$10,351.78
Total Funds Available		\$19,355.98

	Payments		
	Town	Federal	
Account	Account	Account	Total
Old Age Assist.	\$ 6,156.39	\$ 6,328.82	\$12,485.21
Aid to Dep. Children	2,463.85	1,497.80	3,961.65
Disability Assistance	0.00	74.93	74.93
General Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administration	300.00	0.00	300.00
Totals	\$ 8,920.24	\$ 7,901.55	\$16,821.79

Total Public Assistance and Administration charges showed an increase of approximately 12% over those for 1958. This increase was due principally to additional Aid to Dependent Children cases and higher medical and hospitalization costs. However at the end of the year no Aid to Dependent Children cases were being carried, so that a substantial decrease in charges for 1960 is anticipated.

The Administration of the town's Public Assistance Program by the Quaboag Welfare District, of which Oakham is a member has proven to be very satisfactory. Periodic visits have been made to all recipients, next of kin reports have been kept up to date, semi-monthly schedules for payment have been submitted and the needs of the recipients have been given prompt and considerate attention.

The following is a summary of the case load for the years 1957, 1958 and 1959:

Category	Public Assistance		
	Average	Number of	Cases
	1957	1958	1959
Old Age Assistance	12	11	12
Aid to Dependent Children	--	1	2
Disability Assistance	--	1	2
General Assistance	--	--	--
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Total	12	14	14

A complete financial report of the Public Assistance and Administration program follows:

#### Quaboag Welfare District Organization

Administrative Staff	Prudential Committee
George H. Deotte, Agent	Silveau Ledoux, Chairm'n
Yvonne S. Barr,	
Social Worker	Roger H. Lonergan, Clerk
Marjorie S. Flandreau,	
Senior Clerk	Stanley J. Nurek
M. Alice Ledoux, Jr. Clerk	Charles J. Woodis

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER W. NELSON  
ROGER H. LONERGAN  
JOHN P. O'DONNELL

Board of Public Welfare

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

## 1959 FINANCIAL REPORT

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

## Receipts

From Appropriation (Public Assistance Control Account)	\$ 9,000.00
Refunds	4.20
State Reimbursement	0.00
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	\$ 9,004.20

## Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 0.00
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	0.00
Transferred to:	
Old Age Assistance Account	6,156.39
Aid to Dependent Children Acct.	2,463.85
Disability Assistance Account	0.00
Quaboog Welfare District	300.00
Unexpended balance returned to Revenue Account	83.96
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	\$ 9,004.20

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

## Receipts

Federal Reimbursements	\$ 6,576.00
Federal Grants Account 1-1-59	1,595.41
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	4,608.04
Other Towns Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	270.76
Old Age Meal Tax to Estimated Receipts	357.76
Transferred from Public Assistance Control Account	6,156.39
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	\$19,564.36

## Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$12,434.30
Federal Account 12-31-59	1,842.59
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	4,608.04



Old Age Meal Tax to	
Estimated Receipts	357.76
Payments to Other Cities and Towns	50.91
Reimbursements from other cities	
and towns	270.76
	----- \$19,564.36

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

#### Receipts

Federal Reimbursements	\$ 1,599.00
Federal Grants Account 1-1-59	189.52
State Reimbursements to Estimated Receipts	1,382.36
Transferred from Public Assistance	
Control Account	2,463.85
	----- \$ 5,634.73

#### Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 3,961.65
Federal Account 12-31-59	290.72
State Reimbursements to	
Estimated Receipts	1,382.36
	----- \$ 5,634.73

### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

#### Receipts

Federal Reimbursements	\$ 0.00
Federal Grants Account 1-1-59	391.85
State Reimbursements to	
Estimated Receipts	0.00
Transferred from Public Assistance	
Control Account	0.00
	----- \$ 391.85

#### Payments

Paid on Selectmen's Warrants	\$ 74.93
State Reimbursements to	
Estimated Receipts	0.00
Federal Account 12-31-59	316.92
	----- \$ 391.85

# PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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Year	Gross Expenses	Reimbursements	Net Expense
1959	\$16,521.79	\$14,793.92	\$ 1,727.87

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER H. LONERGAN  
WALTER W. NELSON  
JOHN P. O'DONNELL

Board of Public Welfare

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

### FEDERAL ACCOUNT

1959	Federal reimbursements for four quarters:	
	Old Age Assistance	\$ 5,990.17
	Balance in Fed. O.A.A. on 1-1-59	1,138.58
	Aid to Dependent Children	1,982.70
	Disability Assistance	483.71
		-----
Total Receipts		\$ 9,595.16

### Expended

Salaries	\$ 5,567.34
Travel	107.94
Postage	239.67
Rental	600.00
Supplies	72.42
Employee's Benefit Plan	130.16
Telephone	105.70
Purchase of Equipment	295.00
Repair of Equipment	18.00
Other	9.00
	-----
Total Expenses	\$ 7,145.23
	-----
Balance on Dec. 31st, 1959	\$ 2,449.93

### STATE ACCOUNT

1959	State reimbursements for four quarters:	
	Old Age Assistance	\$ 4,028.67

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Aid to Dependent Children	1,329.10	
Balance in A.D.C. on 1-1-59	736.76	
Disability Assistance	324.94	
General Assistance	180.77	
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Total Receipts		\$ 6,600.24
<b>Expended</b>		
Salaries	\$ 4,202.58	
Travel	165.53	
Postage	157.81	
Supplies	57.95	
Telephone	81.85	
Employee's Benefit Plan	132.91	
Repair of Equipment	19.60	
Workmen's Compensation	96.93	
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Total Expenses		\$ 4,915.16
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Balance on December 31st, 1959		\$ 1,685.08

## DISTRICT TOWN ACCOUNT

**Receipts**

Advanced by Towns:		
North Brookfield	\$ 2,800.00	
Hardwick	1,400.00	
East Brookfield	600.00	
Oakham	300.00	
Balance on 1-1-59	2,454.93	
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Total Receipts		\$ 7,554.93

**Expended**

Salaries	\$ 4,810.08
Travel	241.64
Postage	73.11
Supplies	43.75
Telephone	138.65
Rental	600.00
Repair of Equipment	3.50
Assessment	792.34

# PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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Employee's Benefit Plan	144.47	
Other	38.00	
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Total Expenses		\$ 6,887.54
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Balance on December 31st, 1959		\$ 667.39

## REPORT OF CHARLTON HOME FARM ASSOCIATION

For the year ending December 31, 1959

### Assets

Cash on hand and in Bank	\$ 2,364.95
Deposits in Savings Bank	12,784.43
Personal property appraised value	4,700.00
Land and Building, appraised value	18,000.00
Due from Towns	1,625.41
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Total assets	\$39,474.79

### Equity

Balance, December 31, 1958	\$34,769.85
Add:	
Increase from revaluation of property and equipment	3,500.00
Gross income from all sources	\$23,207.26
Less - Gross expenses	22,002.32
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	\$ 1,204.94
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Total	\$39,474.79

Number of residents as of December 31, 1959, twenty eight (28).

DONALD R. PERKINS, President  
 ROBERT A. DONOVAN,  
 Sec. & Treas.  
 RAYMOND L. GIROUARD, C.P.A.





SCHOOLS and EDUCATION



Reports of the

School Committee

School Superintendent

Library Trustees

Librarian

**REPORT OF THE OAKHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**for the year ending December 31, 1959**

Appropriated	\$53,151.80
Expected	51,494.11
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Balance	1,657.69

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Willard C. Rutherford, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Mrs. Mary H. Parsons, Secretary	Term expires 1961
Frederick G. Stone	Term expires 1962

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Dr. Charles L. Bowlby	Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Lois P. Drawbridge	Secretary, Union No. 24
Mrs. Thelma K. Coffin	Secretary, Union No. 24
Mrs. Hazel A. Pillsbury	Secretary, Union No. 24

**INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF**

Mrs. Esther G. Hawkes	Principal, Grades VII & VIII
Mrs. Marjorie C. Hamilton	Grades V & VI
Mrs. Dorothy S. Wheeler	Grades III & IV
Miss Helena K. Rutherford	Grades I & II

**SUPERVISORS**

George N. Morris	ART
Miss Ruth S. Innes	MUSIC
Richard H. Bowden	MUSIC
Mrs. Helen P. Olmstead	HEALTH
Mrs. Brenda T. Sullivan	HEALTH

**SCHOOLS and EDUCATION**

Channing H. Washburn, M.D.	SCHOOL PHYSICIAN
Donald Agar	ATTENDANCE OFFICER
William N. Wareing	CUSTODIAN
Mrs. Esther R. Mann	CAFETERIA MANAGER
Leonard A. Hardy	BUS CARRIER
John O'Donnell	BUS CARRIER

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 4, 1960 through Feb. 19, 1960    WINTER TERM  
 February 29, 1960 through April 14, 1960    SPRING TERM  
 April 25, 1960 through June 24, 1960    SUMMER TERM  
 September 7, 1960 through Dec. 23, 1960    FALL TERM

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

April 15, 1960    GOOD FRIDAY  
 May 30, 1960    MEMORIAL DAY  
 October 12, 1960    COLUMBUS DAY  
 November 4, 1960    TEACHERS' CONVENTION  
 November 11, 1960    VETERANS' DAY  
 November 23, 24, 25, 1960    THANKSGIVING RECESS

## ENROLLMENT — September 1959

Center School	
Grade 1	13
II	13
III	9
IV	9
V	10
VI	18
VII	11
VIII	11
North Brookfield High School	
Grade IX	5
X	4
XI	4
XII	--
Wachusett Regional High School	
Grade IX	7
X	5
XI	7
XII	9

## SCHOOL CENSUS\* — October 1, 1959

Age	Pre-School	Elementary	High
Less than 1 year	6		
1 year	5		
2 years	5		



3 years	7		
4 years	9		
5 years	11	4	
6 years		11	
7 years		12	
8 years		12	
9 years		8	
10 years		8	
11 years		16	
12 years		13	
13 years		11	4
14 years			5
15 years			15

\*Birth to 16 yrs. of age.

GRADUATES – JUNE 1959  
OAKHAM CENTER SCHOOL

George W. Butler	Jill Dod
Charles S. Casault	Janet M. Downer
David L. Charron	Sandra L. Dwelly
Raymond Nakkala	Janice E. Narrow
Richard Smichinski	Allison D. Wells
Walter Thurlow	Judith Wareing
George Van Deusen	
Edwin Zysk	

NORTH BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Lowell Arms	Timothy Narrow
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WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Jordan Dean	Albert Fontaine
Donald Hardy	

TUITION STUDENTS

NORTH BROOKFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Grade IX

Charles Casault	Raymond Nakkala
George Van Deusen	Janice Narrow
Allison Wells	

Grade X

Frank Cole	Martha Bealand
Karen Snay	Anne Vick

## Grade XI

Michael Monahan  
Sarah Brennan

Susan Barr  
Jackie Narrow

## WACHUSETT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Grade IX

George Butler  
Walter Thurlow  
Jill Dod

David Charron  
Edwin Zysk  
Janet Downer

Sandra Dwelly  
Grade X

Robert Mann  
Beverly Crawford

Donna Chestna  
Judith Stone

Verna Tucker  
Grade XI

Brian Hardy  
John March  
Carolyn Kemp

James Lonergan  
Neal Wareing  
Carol McKeon

Tamara Maxwell  
Grade XII

Ronald Chestna  
Robert Stone  
Susan Parsons  
Mary Troy

John Lonergan  
Gladys Crawford  
Beverly Stone  
Betty Wilder

Dorothy Zysk

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Oakham's school problems are basically the same as those facing most communities. The first of these problems is that of providing classroom space for a growing school population. The school committee has attempted to meet this problem on a temporary basis by developing classroom space in a basement area, and employing an extra teacher. If the population continues to grow, a permanent solution must be developed.

The second basic problem, common to all of today's schools, is how we can provide the improved educational opportunities so necessary in our changing society. To this end, progress has been made by reducing the classes assigned to each teacher and by purchasing new and revised textbooks in health education, music and other areas. Every effort

will be made to develop a sound program of instruction in elementary science, reading and mathematics so that Oakham pupils will be well prepared to continue their education into high school.

Just as the merchant has to inventory his stock and balance his accounts to determine the success of his business, so the school committee must assess its success by the use of a testing program designed to compare our teaching and learning results against what is expected in the state and nation. To that end, a revised testing program is in effect.

While I have only had a few months of experience working for Oakham, these have been pleasant contacts and I feel sure the future will show continued progress. The reports of our principal and supervisors, designed to explain their work and duties to you, follow.

Sincerely,

CHARLES L. BOWLBY

### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

Our school had an enrollment of ninety-four with three teachers. In September, a fourth teacher was employed so we now have only two grades to a classroom.

The pupils have given entertainments for the community on Memorial Day, Christmas and at graduation.

Thirteen pupils graduated from the eighth grade in June.

The school has shared with others by contributing to the Junior Red Cross, the March of Dimes, and the Christmas Seals.

We received a film strip each month from money earned by the seventh and eighth grades by selling Christmas cards.

We were privileged to have a fine piano given to us by Mrs. LaCount. It has been a joy to use our new record player and our duplicator.

This has been a busy year — yet a good one with such fine cooperation from all the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER G. HAWKES



**REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR**

The year 1959 was a year of major developments for the Art Department of Union No. 24.

A workshop for the teachers of the entire expanded union was held at the Worcester Art Museum in October. The program was conducted entirely by the staff of the museum and was organized for the purpose of acquainting the teachers with the services of the museum to the schools and within the scope of art.

Because of the greater demands on my time as art supervisor, it became impossible at the beginning of the present school year to visit grades 1, 2 and 3, to teach art. As a consequence of this, Miss Charlotte Crout of Lexington, a graduate of the class of 1959 of the Massachusetts College of Art, was elected in December to teach these classes. She will be a capable addition to our teaching staff.

On behalf of the classroom teachers and the children, I wish to express appreciation to the several school committees and to Dr. Bowlby for making it all possible.

GEORGE N. MORRIS

**REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR**

A five-fold program of musical activities is carried on in all the grades: singing, rhythmic activities, creative activities, listening and playing instruments. The grade teachers carry on the program assisted by visits of the music consultant.

A music workshop was held in November for all elementary teachers in the union to acquaint them with a new series of music books. It is felt that the acquisition of these books will give a great assist to the program. Melody bells, a rhythm band set, recordings and record players and a tape recorder are available. A fine piano was given to the school.

Grades 6, 7 and 8 performed well at the graduation exercises, assisted by the instrumental pupils. The entire school gave a Christmas program "Christmas Carols from Many Lands."

Mr. Richard H. Bowden continues his fine program of instrumental instruction. A pre-band instrument, the



tonette, was incorporated in the music program at the fourth grade level. The purpose of this instrument is to aid the music reading program and to screen potential instrumental pupils. Instrumental pupils meet thirty minutes weekly and include pupils with one to three years training. More pupils will be added as the tonette pupils convert to instruments. The instrumental pupils played in the Spring Concert at the Holden Junior High School, with the other pupils of the Union, and at their own graduation exercises.

I feel the music program is progressing satisfactorily and the year has been a profitable one.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. INNES

### SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

The importance of health education to the individual, the community and the nation has received local, state and national recognition.

The goal of the school health program is to help children become well adjusted, develop good health attitudes, improve their health practices so that they are prepared to make decisions affecting their own health.

The role of the school is to supplement the efforts of parents in promoting the health of their children.

The approval of the school health committee has enabled progressive steps to be made with the following achievements:

1. A Technician Program was implemented after two registered nurses were trained to do vision and hearing tests by a technician from the State Department of Public Health. These nurses assisted the school health personnel so that the vision and hearing tests were done simultaneously with weighing and measuring. By combining these procedures, children left the classroom only once rather than three different times. The early completion of these tests enabled parents to be notified about the defects found so they could be corrected more quickly.
2. A survey to determine the number of teachers who are prepared to administer first aid was made. As

a result the American Red Cross Standard First Aid Training Course will be conducted in Holden, Paxton and Rutland the first part of January 1960. The course will be given by the Chairman, American Red Cross First Aid Training for the teachers in the school union. Approximately forty teachers will take the course. At a later date First Aid Emergency Teams will be set up in each school.

3. A survey was also made of the health textbooks in the union schools. It was found that no health textbooks were available in some schools while in other schools the books were twenty years old. The health committee selected a 1960 health textbook which is regarded as the most modern and outstanding approach to classroom instruction in health.
4. Three Health Education Institutes will be conducted by a representative and consultant from the book company to present the new health textbook series to all of the teachers.
5. Starting in January 1960 all teachers will be offered an opportunity to take a course in modern methods of teaching elementary physical education. A staff member of Boston University will conduct the course.

In addition to the foregoing, the routine physical examinations and the school immunization clinics were administered by the school physicians with the assistance of the school nurse and the supervisor of school health. The pre-school registrations were conducted and well attended.

HELEN P. OLMSTEAD,

Supervisor

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00
Transferred from income of Trust Funds	706.41
Received from refund on Dog Tax	190.29
	-----
Expended	\$ 1,896.70

The customary monthly meetings have been held during the year.

Some further repairs were made to the chimney and

plaster over the fireplace was renewed in preparation for proposed interior painting. A light was installed over the basement door for those using the workroom.

Mrs. Winifred Lane's term as a trustee expired after eight years of interested and helpful service and Mrs. Tucker was elected as the new member.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND H. FIELD, Chairman  
FANNIE TUCKER  
ELEANOR T. MAYO, Clerk

January 14, 1960

### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library:

Circulation for 1959 varied but little from 1958 with a total of 3599 books issued. Combined with 5292 renewals, for a grand total of 8891, this showed an average weekly circulation of 171 books. 269 children and adults have library cards.

85 adult and 110 juvenile books were acquired. Some of these were gifts which are always appreciated. The estimated number of volumes in the library is 4756.

Magazine circulation for the year was 365. Trial subscriptions to American Heritage and Science Digest were discontinued at year's end for lack of interest.

State certificates for reading 20 books (5 non-fiction) were issued to 19 students and 7 more students received certificates for from 5 to 15 books read.

Attention was called to National Library Week in April by a display of new books and to Book Week in November by the distribution of book marks with the slogan "Go Exploring in Books."

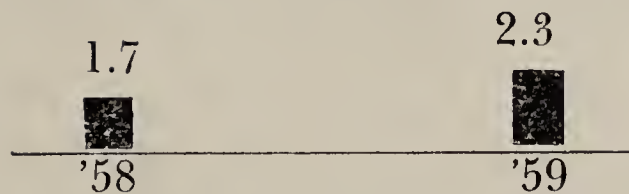
Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR T. MAYO,  
Librarian

January 15, 1960



## CEMETERIES



## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Appropriation	\$	600.00
Transferred from Income of Trust Funds		913.27
Expended for:		
Labor (Leonard A. Hardy)	\$	975.10
Other Labor		143.45
Material and Maintenance		394.72
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Total Available and Extended	\$	1,513.27 \$ 1,513.27

## CENTRE CEMETERY REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$	500.00
From Trust Fund Account (income)		253.62
Expended for:		
Labor	\$	127.27
Materials and Maintenance		626.35
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Total Available and Expended	\$	753.62 \$ 753.62

## Annual and Perpetual Care

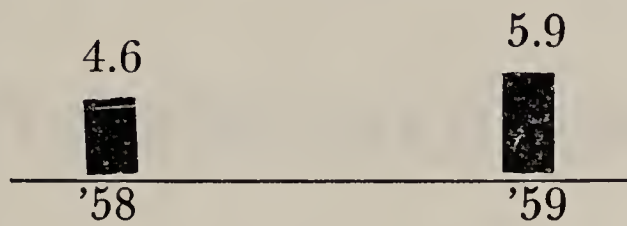
Balance Sale of Lots Accts. 1-1-59	\$	97.50
Sale of Lots for 1959		10.00
Annual Care of Lots, 1958		3.00
Paid directly to Treasurer for		
Annual Care 1959		3.00
Annual Care of Lots 1959		73.00
Perpetual Care Funds Established		400.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$	76.00
Received by Treasurer		3.00
Perpetual Care Fund paid to Treasurer		400.00
Balance Sale of Lots Acct. 12-31-59		107.50
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	\$	586.50 \$ 586.50

Respectfully Submitted,  
**FREDERICK G. STONE,**  
 Secretary

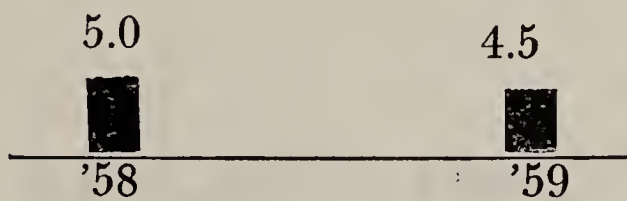




## Recreation and Unclassified



## Interest and Maturing Debt



## Agency & Trust -- Refunds & Transfers



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

of the

## TOWN OFFICIALS

of the

## TOWN OF OAKHAM

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1959

ACCOUNTING OFFICER  
TOWN OF OAKHAM — BALANCE SHEET  
December 31, 1959  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash	\$35,100.00	Temporary Loans:	
Petty Cash for Library	10.00	In anticipation of reimbursement	\$ 7,800.00
Taxes:		In anticipation of Revenue	800.00
Levy of 1956:	\$ 6.70		----- \$ 8,600.00
Personal Property			
Levy of 1957:		Agency:	
Poll Taxes	4.00	County Dog Licenses	\$ 8.25
Personal Property	100.62	Cemetery Funds Bequests	400.00
Real Estate	392.46	Library Gifts	30.00
Levy of 1958:			----- \$ 438.25
Poll Taxes	20.00	Federal Grants:	
Personal Property	266.32	Disability Assistance	\$ 316.92
Real Estate	1,961.55	Aid to Dep. Children	290.72
Levy of 1959:		Old Age Assistance	1,842.59
Poll Taxes	60.00		----- \$ 2,450.23
Personal Property	606.18		
Real Estate	6,980.40		
	-----		
	\$10,398.23		



Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		School Lunch Program	\$	305.17
Levy of 1957	\$ 38.37	Appropriation Balances:		
Levy of 1958	283.21	Revenue:		
Levy of 1959	2,453.52	General	\$	1,535.45
		Non-Revenue:		
Farm Animal Excise:		Fire Station Construction		13.22
Levy of 1958	\$ 17.86	Overestimates 1959:		
Levy of 1959	74.58	State Recreation Areas	\$	25.15
		County Tax	-----	257.56
			\$	282.71
Tax Titles	\$ 287.90	Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	\$	97.50
Tax Possessions	63.90	Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
		Road Machinery		
Departmental:		Rentals Fund		886.00
General Relief	\$ 1,296.55	Reserve Fund		
Aid to Dep. Children	405.27	Overlay Surplus	2,314.20	
Cemetery Care	13.95		-----	\$ 3,200.20
Veterans' Services	117.50	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
		Levy of 1956	\$	6.70
		Levy of 1957		497.08
		Levy of 1958		323.16
		Levy of 1959		139.13
			-----	\$ 966.07
Aid to Highways:				
State	\$15,223.60			
County	4,200.00			
	-----			
	\$19,423.60			

Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:
Underestimate 1959:	Motor Vehicle and
County Tuberculosis Hosp.	Trailer Excise \$ 2,775.10
	Farm Animal Excise 92.44
	Tax Title and Possessions 351.80
	Departmental 1,833.27
	Aid to Highways 11,623.60
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	\$16,676.21
	Reserve for Petty Cash 10.00
	Surplus Revenue \$35,517.97
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	\$70,092.98

## 1959 RECEIPTS

## GENERAL REVENUE

## Taxes:

## Current Year:

Real Estate	\$30,336.54	
Personal	13,835.80	
Poll	228.00	
	-----	\$44,400.34

Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes - State 868.90

In Lieu of Taxes - Metropolitan Water Dist. 5,570.71

## Previous Years:

Poll	\$ 52.00	
Personal	764.94	
Real Estate	6,531.97	
	-----	\$ 7,348.91

## From the State:

Income	8,094.67	
Corporation	2,199.50	
	-----	\$10,294.17

## Licenses and Permits:

Licenses	7.00	
Police Permits	12.00	
	-----	\$ 19.00

## Court Fines

\$ 25.00

## Grants and Gifts:

## From the Federal Government:

Aid to Dependent Children	\$ 1,599.00	
Old Age Assistance	6,576.00	
	-----	\$ 8,175.00

## From the State:

School Transportation	\$14,937.00	
Vocational Education	458.10	
Highways, Chapter 81	15,774.00	
Dept. of Agriculture - Disease Control	17.50	
Meals' Tax	357.76	
	-----	\$31,544.36

## From the County:

Dog License Refund	\$ 190.29
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## Commercial Revenue

## Privileges:

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 9,272.22
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Farm Animal Excise	311.85	
	-----	\$ 9,584.07

**Commercial Revenue - Departmental**

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealer of Weights and Measures - Fees	\$	3.00
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## Health and Sanitation:

Comm. of Mass., Dept. of Public Health		238.57
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## Highways:

Chap. 90 - Maint. - from State	\$	1,599.85
Chap. 90 - Maint. - from County		1,599.85
Chap. 90 - Const. - from State		5,992.73
Chap. 90 Const. - from County		2,996.37
Machinery Rentals		4,667.00
	-----	\$16,855.80

## Public Assistance:

Aid to Dep. Children - State	\$	1,130.76
Old Age Assistance - State		4,608.04
Old Age Assistance - Cities & Towns		270.76
	-----	\$ 6,009.56

## School Lunch:

From State, Reimbursement	\$	975.57
From School, Sale of Lunches		2,603.72
	-----	\$ 3,579.29

## Schools:

Sale of Scrap Pipe		1.00
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## Library:

Book Fines		6.00
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## Unclassified:

Insurance on Town Clock		32.85
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**Commercial Revenue - Cemeteries**

Care of Lots	\$	101.00
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**Commercial Revenue - Interest**

On Deferred Taxes	\$	354.44
On Cemetery Funds		424.86
	-----	\$ 779.30

**Municipal Indebtedness**

## Loan in Anticipation of Highway

Revenue	\$	7,800.00
Loan for Tractor Purchase		800.00
	-----	\$ 8,600.00



**Agency, Trust and Investment**

## Payroll Deductions:

Federal Withholding Taxes	\$ 3,153.52	
County Retirement	544.86	
State Withholding Taxes	236.79	
Dog Licenses for the County	280.25	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	600.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Income Funds	1,166.89	
Alden Fund	677.94	
Library Funds - B. P. Clark	706.41	
	-----	\$ 7,366.66

## Refunds:

Old Age Assistance	\$ 4.20	
School Lunch	10.69	
Comm. of Mass., Teacher's		
Retirement	15.00	
Tax Adjustment	24.01	
Chapman Trusteed Account	133.34	
	-----	\$ 187.24

Total Receipts	\$161,781.02
Less Alden Fund	677.94
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Total Receipts	\$161,103.08

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Showing Amounts Expended and Their Balance

Name of Account	Appropriation or Amt. Available	Amount Spent	Balance Dec. 31st
Moderator	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00
Auditor	20.00	20.00	0.00
Accounting Officer	400.00	400.00	0.00
Selectmen	350.00	350.00	0.00
Treasurer	400.00	400.00	0.00
Tax Title Foreclosures	211.17	0.00	211.17
Tax Collector	400.00	400.00	0.00
Assessors	400.00	400.00	0.00
Town Clerk	150.00	150.00	0.00
Town Officers' Expense	1,100.00	1,095.56	4.44
Planning Board	50.00	0.00	50.00

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Town Counsel	50.00	50.00	0.00
Elections & Registrations	225.00	145.15	79.85
Memorial Hall Maint.	900.00	855.59	44.41
Electric Water Pump for Town Hall and School	650.00	650.00	0.00
Police	300.00	280.50	19.50
Dog Officer	75.00	75.00	0.00
Fire Department	2,500.00	2,494.35	5.65
Fire Station - Construction	71.24	58.02	13.22
Civil Defense	265.68	0.00	265.68
Sealer	20.00	20.00	0.00
Wire Insepctor	25.00	25.00	0.00
Insect Pest Control	300.00	299.00	1.00
Dutch Elm Disease	300.50	300.50	0.00
Insurance	600.00	571.06	28.94
Workmen's Compensation			
Fire Insurance	500.00	418.12	81.88
Surety Bonds	100.00	90.90	9.10
Health Department	250.00	193.80	56.20
Animal Inspector	35.00	35.00	0.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00	25.00	0.00
Highways:			
Chap. 81	13,200.00	13,199.90	.10
Chap. 90 - Maint.	4,800.00	4,798.64	1.36
Chap. 90 - Const.	10,400.00	10,398.90	1.10
Snow and Sand	6,800.00	6,570.81	229.19
Machinery Account	5,700.00	5,437.25	262.75
Tractor Purchase	800.00	800.00	0.00
Street Lights	396.00	346.50	49.50
Welfare			
Public Assistance	9,004.20	8,920.24	83.96
(Town Administration)		300.00	
(Aid to Dependent Children		2,463.85	
(Old Age Assistance		6,156.39	
Disability Assistance - Fed.	391.85	74.93	316.92
Aid to Dep. Child. - Fed.	1,788.52	1,497.80	290.72
Old Age Assist. - Fed.	8,171.41	6,328.82	1,842.59
Veterans' Services	245.00	245.00	0.00
School Committee - Salaries	125.00	125.00	0.00
School Department	53,166.80	51,509.11	1,657.69
Cafeteria Classroom	1,500.00	441.40	1,058.60
School Lunch Program	3,852.61	3,547.44	305.17
Tree Warden	50.00	49.00	1.00

Library Trustees	45.00	45.00	0.00
Library	1,303.98	1,303.98	0.00
County Retirement Expense	507.46	507.46	0.00
Care of Common	60.00	60.00	0.00
Printing	562.55	562.55	0.00
Memorial Day	100.00	100.00	0.00
4-H Club	100.00	95.52	4.48
Miscellaneous	100.00	42.85	57.15
Wright Park	400.00	391.73	8.27
Cemetery Commissioners	45.00	45.00	0.00
Cemeteries	1,514.67	1,514.67	0.00
Center Cemetery	753.62	753.62	0.00
Maturing Debt	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Interest	792.44	506.25	286.19
Poll Tax Refunds	2.00	2.00	0.00
Real Estate Tax Refunds	231.00	231.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Refunds	221.53	221.53	0.00
Temporary Loan (Highway)	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions			
Federal Taxes	3,153.52	3,153.52	0.00
County Retirement	544.86	544.86	0.00
Mass. Income Tax	236.79	230.06	6.73
Cemetery			
Perpetual Care Bequests	500.00	300.00	200.00
Mary Alden Fund			
Income	4,052.46	972.50	3,079.96
County			
Tuberculosis Hospital	4,470.65	4,579.19	*108.54
Dog Licenses for County	273.75	273.75	0.00
Library Trustee Funds	592.72	592.72	0.00
County Tax	2,657.81	2,400.25	257.56
Chapman Trusteed Acct.	133.34	133.34	0.00
State Recreation Areas	282.54	257.39	25.15
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,501.53	1,501.53	0.00
Cemetery Funds Income	564.75	564.75	0.00
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General Expenditures		\$158,027.81	
Mary Alden Fund		972.50	
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Total Expenditures		\$159,000.31	



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\*Overdraft

Reserve Fund \$ 1,000.00

Transfers authorized by Selectmen:

Cemeteries	\$	1.40	
Printing		62.55	
Veterans' Services		95.00	
Town Officers' Expense		150.00	
Dutch Elm Disease		.50	
	-----	\$	309.45

Balance		\$	690.55
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## 1959 EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$	5,437.32
Public Safety		4,172.43
Health and Sanitation		4,840.99
Highways		41,552.00
Public Assistance & Veterans' Services		17,066.79
Schools and Education		57,549.65
Recreation and Unclassified		5,919.28
Cemeteries		2,313.29
Interest and Maturing Debts		3,506.25
Agency and Trust, Refunds and Transfers		6,642.31
Total		----- \$159,000.31



## ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURES

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Paid to	Department	Amount
	<b>Legislative</b>	
F. W. Lane, Moderator	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

## SELECTMEN

## Salaries

R. H. Lonergan, Chairman & Clerk	\$ 150.00
W. W. Nelson	100.00
J. P. O'Donnell	100.00

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\$ 350.00

## Expenses

Barre Gazette	\$ 36.15
R. F. Langley	12.00
Hobbs and Warren	8.07
Orton Butler	2.60
N. E. T. & T. Co.	135.70
Dues	16.00
H. E. Belcher	10.00

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\$ 220.52 \$ 550.52

**Auditing**

## Salaries and Wages

R. H. Langley, Accounting Officer	\$ 400.00
C. M. Billings, Auditor	20.00

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\$ 420.00 \$ 420.00

**Treasury**

## Salaries

W. F. Brennan, Treasurer	\$ 400.00
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## Expenses

W. F. Brennan, Stamps, etc.	\$ 68.30
Palley Office Supply	1.57
Worc. County National Bank	38.57
Todd Co. Div. (Check writer)	482.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	4.00

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Paid to	Department	Amount
Worcester County National Bank	5.50	
R. Dea	28.80	
Dues	3.00	
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	\$ 631.74	\$ 1,031.74
<b>Collector</b>		
Salaries		
Maude M. Stone	\$ 333.33	
O. H. Erickson	66.67	
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	\$ 400.00	
Expenses		
Barre Gazette	\$ 62.04	
Byam Printing	11.89	
Maude Stone, stamps, etc.	28.90	
Hobbs and Warren	14.92	
A. L. Purinton	11.80	
R. Dea	54.60	
Dues	3.00	
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	\$ 187.15	\$ 587.15
<b>Assessors</b>		
Salaries		
C. M. Rood, Chairman	\$ 1 25.00	
W. F. Brennan	100.00	
L. Szczuka	100.00	
Dorothy Day	75.00	
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	\$ 400.00	
Expenses		
Stoneham Ind.	\$ 2.00	
Hobbs and Warren	17.47	
C. Rood, stamps, etc.	2.00	
Worcester County Abstract Co.	43.10	
North Brookfield News	1.25	
Dues	9.00	
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	\$ 74.82	\$ 474.82
<b>Legal</b>		
Salaries and Wages		
R. W. Igoe, Atty.	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

Paid to	Department	Amount
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	
Salaries		
Dorothy P. Day	\$ 150.00	
Expenses		
North Brookfield News	\$ 7.31	
Dorothy Day	17.77	
Hobbs and Warren	7.15	
Worcester Telegram and Gazette	18.00	
Dues	11.50	
Healy Bros.	7.50	
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	\$ 69.23	\$ 219.23
	<b>Elections and Registrations</b>	
Salaries and Wages		
Dorothy Day	\$ 7.00	
Bettyanne Parsons	55.00	
Ballot Clerks	46.00	
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	\$ 108.00	
Expenses		
Barre Gazette	\$ 27.15	\$ 135.15
	<b>Town Hall Maintenance</b>	
Salaries and wages		
C. Casault	\$ 107.00	
Supplies		
R. T. Quigley	11.09	
Repairs		
L. C. Spinney	9.03	
C. A. Hanson	10.00	
Baroni Glass	10.93	
R. T. Quigley	9.90	
K. Dennis	100.00	
C. Casault	9.50	
Insurance		
I. E. Irish	\$ 204.95	
Krussell Insurance Agency	200.80	
Chase & Kingsbury	12.37	
Light		
Worcester County Electric Co.	\$464.14	
Submersible Pump		
Iver Lind	650.00	

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Paid to	Department	Amount
Other Expenses		
L. C. Spinney		11.50
Northridge Furniture Co.		112.50
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		\$ 1,923.71 \$ 1,923.71

## SUMMARY GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department	Amount
Legislative	\$ 20.00
Selectmen	570.52
Auditing	420.00
Treasury	1,031.74
Collector	587.15
Assessors	474.82
Planning Board	5.00
Legal	50.00
Town Clerk	219.23
Elections and Registrations	135.15
Town Hall Maintenance	1,923.71
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Total	\$ 5,437.32



**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Paid to	Department	Amount
	<b>Police</b>	
Salaries and Wages		
Chief	\$	139.00
Officers		43.00
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	\$	182.00
Equipment		
L. R. Berger	\$	48.50
Insurance		
Krussell Insurance Agency		50.00
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	\$	280.50
	<b>Fire Department</b>	
Salaries and Wages		None
Equipment and repairs		
Wright's Safety Service	\$	40.28
R. Szczuka		8.93
Worcester Auto Radiator		14.75
Johnnie's Sales and Service		250.00
Heywood Brunmark		303.65
Rolla Motors		49.35
Valley Motors		27.24
G. W. Lowell		47.25
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	\$	741.25
Hose		
C. H. Clagherty Co.	\$	375.00
Gas and Oil		
Labonte's Filling Station	\$	53.00
C. S. Lyman & Sons		22.23
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		75.23
Other Expenses		
Labonte's Filling Station		7.00
C. S. Lyman & Sons		14.43
C. H. Clagherty Co.		44.83
Rolla Motors		64.63
R. T. Quigley		8.48
Beard Motors		6.50
Crescent Welders Supply		21.75

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Paid to	Department	Amount
Green Electric Corp.	10.22	
Arduini Mfg. Co.	19.70	
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	\$ 197.54	
Fuel and Light		
F. G. Stone	321.21	
Worcester County Electric Co.	69.68	
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	\$ 390.89	
Buildings and Grounds (Fire Sta. Acc't.)		
C. M. Rood	\$ 25.46	
Monroe Company	32.56	
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	\$ 58.02	
Other expenses		
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	\$ 294.00	
Krussell Ins. Agency	396.74	
Dues, etc.	23.50	
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	\$ 714.24	\$ 2,552.37

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

F. G. Stone	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
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**Inspection of Wires**

L. C. Spinney	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
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**Dog Officer**

W. Smichinski	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
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**Forestry****Insect Pest Control**

Roscoe Crawford, Supt.	\$ 96.50
P. Wilbur	13.50
F. Szaban	31.50
Blackstone Tree Service	157.50

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\$ 299.00

**Dutch Elm Disease Control**

Roscoe Crawford	\$ 150.50
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Paid to	Department	Amount
Blackstone Tree Service	150.50	
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	\$ 300.50	
Tree Warden		
Roscoe Crawford	\$ 49.00	\$ 648.50
	<b>Compensation Insurance</b>	
Krussell Insurance Agency	\$ 571.06	\$ 571.06

### SUMMARY PUBLIC SAFETY

Department	Amount
Police	\$ 280.50
Fire	2,552.37
Sealer of Weights & Measures	20.00
Inspection of Wires	25.00
Forestry	648.50
Dog Officer	75.00
Compensation Insurance	571.06
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Total	\$ 4,172.43

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Paid to	Account	Amount
<b>General Administration</b>		
R. Langley	\$ 2.00	
Barre Gazette	6.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 8.50
<b>Polio Clinic</b>		
Channing H. Washburn, M.D.	\$ 18.80	
<b>Tuberculosis</b>		
Worc. County Hospital District	\$ 4,579.19	
<b>Recording Vital Statistics</b>		
Dorothy Day	\$ 8.00	
<b>Town Dump</b>		
E. W. Sykes, Bulldozing	\$ 110.50	
Various persons, burning dump	41.00	
R. T. Young, Gravel	15.00	
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<b>Inspection</b>		
H. W. Stone, Jr., Insp. Animals	\$ 35.00	
H. W. Stone, Jr., Insp. Slaughtering	25.00	
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Total Health and Sanitation		\$ 4,840.99



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Paid to	Chap. 81 Maint.	Chap. 90 Maint.	Chap. 90 Const.	Snow Removal & Sanding	Total
Labor	\$ 3,911.50	\$ 551.50	\$ 1,933.50	\$ 1,810.50	\$ 8,207.00
Town Equipment	1,674.00	272.60	1,150.40	1,570.00	4,667.00
Outside Equipment					
Benoit, Norman	64.00				64.00
DeMarco, Michael	240.00	261.00	1,010.00		1,511.00
East Brookfield, Town of		8.00			8.00
Hardwick, Town of		56.00			56.00
Hebert, Charles	200.00	80.00			280.00
Jamara Bros.	512.50	333.00	768.00	26.00	1,639.50
Lubelczyk, Wm.			473.00		473.00
New Braintree, Town of		90.00	27.00		117.00
Starzdas, Ernest			104.00		104.00
Sykes, Edgar			260.00		260.00
Wiley, James D.	307.50	75.00	96.00		478.50
Young, R. T.	1,308.50	536.00	2,966.00	1,472.50	6,283.00
Total Outside Equipment	\$ 2,632.50	\$ 1,439.00	\$ 5,704.00	\$ 1,498.50	\$11,274.00

Materials					
Adams, Donald		380.00			380.00
Chemical Corp.			143.25		143.25
Curtis, R. T.	\$	11.25			70.25
Dwelly, Sarah		170.80			170.80
Holden Trap Rock Co.				90.21 \$	1,168.29
Independent Coal Tar Co.				3,196.31	4,423.76
International Salt Co.					648.36
Jamara Bros.				768.18	1,653.94
Miller, John		50.00		85.56	50.00
National Disinfectant Co.				106.45	106.45
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.		545.50		331.75	1,021.70
Northeastern Weed and Brush Cont.				235.00	235.00
Regienus, Albert		50.00			50.00
S. & K. Block Co.		109.20			109.20
Wirthmore Stores		58.00			58.00
Zukus, Wm.		236.25		195.00	431.25
Total Materials	\$	4,981.90	\$	2,535.54	\$ 1,611.00 \$ 10,720.25
Grand total	\$	13,199.90	\$	4,798.64	\$ 10,398.90 \$ 34,868.25

**Purchase and Maintenance**

Paid to	Amount
Barr, Stephen	\$ 18.00
Beard Motors, Inc.	38.51
Bentley, W. R., Inc.	660.17
Blake, Geo. F.	37.05
Bleiler, E. J. Co.	243.40
City Auto Parts	4.15
Dyar Sales & Machinery Co.	38.00
Eastern Fence Co.	62.19
Federal Tool & Steel Co.	302.73
Files Equipment Co.	171.45
Gar Wood Body Company	197.96
Goldstein & Gurwitz, Inc.	189.24
Gordon, N. & Sons	2,499.86
Izzi, Basil	2.75
Kelley Square Tire Co.	187.03
Krussell Ins. Agency	332.00
Lane, John	2.20
Middlesex Wiping Cloth Company	15.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	128.91
Quigley, R. T.	50.58
Gordon, Richard	82.50
Stone, F. G.	25.75
Varney Motors	79.21
Worcester County Electric Company	14.97
Western Auto	17.64
Young, Gordon	36.00
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Total Purchase and Maintenance	\$ 5,437.25
<b>Temporary Loan</b>	
Gordon, N. & Sons	\$ 800.00
<b>Street Lights</b>	
Paid to	Amount
Worcester County Electric Company	\$ 346.50

**SUMMARY HIGHWAYS**

Temporary Loan	\$ 800.00
Chapter 81 Maint.	13,199.90
Chapter 90 Maint.	4,798.64
Chapter 90 Const.	10,398.90
Snow and Sand	6,570.81
Purchase and Maintenance	5,437.25
Street Lights	346.50
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Total	\$41,552.00

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Paid to	Account	Amount
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**Administration**

Quaboag Welfare District	\$ 300.00
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**Aid to Dependent Children - Town**

Cash Grants	\$ 2,408.75	
Medical	55.10	
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**Old Age Assistance - Town**

Cash Grants	\$ 5,914.65	
Medical, board and care	241.74	
	<hr/>	\$6 ,156.39

Total from Town Account	<hr/>	\$ 8,920.24
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**Aid to Dependent Children - Federal**

Cash Grants	\$ 1,441.30	
Medical	56.50	
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**Old Age Assistance - Federal**

Cash Grants	\$ 4,869.55	
Medical	1,408.36	
Other Cities and Towns	50.91	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,328.82

**Disability Assistance - Federal**

Administration	74.93
Total Federal Accounts	\$ 7,901.55



## Summary Public Assistance and Administration

Town Account	\$ 8,920.24	
Federal Account	7,901.55	
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Total		\$16,821.79

**VETERANS' BENEFITS****Administration**

Dues	\$ 10.00	
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**Allowances**

Ordinary	175.00	
Fuel	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 235.00
Aid by Other Cities		
City of Worcester		10.00
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Total Veterans' Benefits		\$ 245.00

**SUMMARY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND  
VETERANS' BENEFITS**

Public Assistance and Administration	\$16,821.79	
Veterans' Services	245.00	
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Total		\$17,066.79

**SCHOOLS**

School Committee Salaries		
Willard C. Rutherford	\$ 50.00	
Mary H. Parsons	50.00	
Frederick G. Stone	25.00	
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General Control		
Superintendent's Salary	\$ 338.39	
Superintendent's Travel	54.20	
Superintendent's Office Expense	110.37	
Clerk's Salaries	279.11	
Office Rent	37.20	
Census	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 834.27

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## Expense of Instruction

Teachers' Salaries	\$14,629.78	
Textbooks	403.60	
Supplies	505.54	
	-----	\$15,538.92

## Operation of School

Janitor's Salary	\$ 1,000.00	
Janitor's Supplies	309.07	
Fuel - Frederick G. Stone	983.38	
	-----	\$ 2,292.45

## Maintenance of School

Beckley, Cardy Co., (shades, chalkboards)	\$ 144.68	
Adrian Bruso	28.75	
R. Daniels	216.56	
Holden Home Modernizing (storm windows)	146.50	
C. S. Lyman Co.	48.75	
Leroy Spinney	208.00	
M. D. Stetson Co. (rubber matting)	25.32	
John L. Widing	29.75	
Garfield Wright	54.90	
Others	53.11	
	-----	\$ 956.32

## Auxiliary Agencies

## Tuition

Wachusett Regional High School	\$11,178.95
No. Brookfield High School	3,509.45
Vocational - Wach. R.H.S.	454.00
Vocational - Evening - Worcester	54.00

## Transportation

H.S. - Various persons	6,750.40	
Elem. - Leonard A. Hardy	7,410.00	
Elem. - John O'Donnell	1,950.00	
Miscellaneous - Graduation Expense	12.09	
Health - Doctor	100.00	
Nurses	440.90	
Supplies	12.36	
	-----	31,872.15

## TOTAL SCHOOLS

\$51,619.11

## Cafeteria Classroom - Ralph Daniels

\$ 441.40

**School Lunch Program**

Wages and Salaries	\$ 1,178.00	
Food and supplies		
Groceries, canned goods, etc.	1,563.54	
Pinecroft Dairy, milk	683.62	
	—————	\$ 2,247.16
Other expenses		
Lehigh Bottled Gas	\$ 19.50	
Finan's Express	18.64	
Transport Clearings	29.07	
Others	33.29	
	—————	\$ 100.50
Equipment		
Sunbeam Corp.	\$ 21.78	
	—————	
Total School Lunch Program		\$ 3,547.44

**Fobes Memorial Library**

Salaries and wages		
Librarian	\$ 300.00	
Trustees	45.00	
Janitor	100.00	
	—————	\$ 445.00
Books and periodicals		
Books	\$ 283.84	
Periodicals	116.75	
	—————	\$ 400.59
Fuel and light		
F. G. Stone	\$ 314.53	
Worcester County Electric Company	33.03	
	—————	\$ 347.56
Building Maintenance and Repairs		
C. M. Rood	\$ 5.50	
W. R. Bentley	10.30	
Leslie C. Arms	592.72	
Krussell Ins. Agency, Inc.	110.70	
	—————	\$ 719.22
Other Expenses		
Demco Library Supplies	\$ 16.70	
Stationary, postage, etc.	12.63	
	—————	\$ 29.33
Total Fobes Memorial Library		\$ 1,941.70

**SUMMARY — SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION**

Schools	\$51,619.11
Cafeteria Classroom	441.40
School Lunch	3,547.44
Fobes Memorial Library	1,941.70
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Total	\$57,549.65

**RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED**

Paid to	Account	Amount
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**Wright Park**

Eastern States Farmers Exchange	\$ 132.91	
Jamara Bros	236.25	
Athol-Orange Lumber Co.	13.10	
Holden Hardware	7.97	
Goldstein & Gurwitz	1.50	
	-----	\$ 391.73

**Care of Town Common**

Troop 144 Boy Scouts	\$ 60.00
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**Memorial Day**

Oakham Congregational Church	\$ 100.00
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**Care of Town Clock**

Leroy C. Spinney	\$ 32.85
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**Annual Reports**

Norman Drolet	\$ 3.00	
Hoyle Press	569.55	
	-----	\$ 572.55

**4-H Clubs**

R. T. Quigley	\$ 50.52	
Leon O. Marshall	30.00	
Orton Butler	13.00	
Pilgrim Fellowship	2.00	
	-----	\$ 95.52

**Worcester County Retirement****Assessment**

Worcester County Treasurer	\$ 507.46
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**Worcester County Tax**

Worcester County Treasurer	\$ 2,400.25
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**STATE ASSESSMENTS**

State Recreation Area	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 257.39
Auditing Municipal Accounts and	
Installing State Accounting System	1,501.53
	----- \$ 1,758.92

**SUMMARY OF RECREATION  
AND UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS**

Wright Park	\$ 391.73
Town Common	60.00
Memorial Day Observances	100.00
Care of Town Clock	32.85
Annual Reports	572.55
4-H Clubs	95.52
Retirement Assessment	507.46
County Tax	2,400.25
State Assessments	1,758.92
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Total	\$ 5,919.28

**CEMETERIES**

Paid to	Account	Amount
<b>Cemeteries - General</b>		
Salaries and wages		
Cemetery Committee	\$ 45.00	
Labor and Supervision	1,118.55	
	-----	\$ 1,163.55
Loam		
Jamara Bros.		\$ 203.00
Fertilizer and seed		
Wirthmore Stores		\$ 54.45
Equipment and supplies		
R. T. Quigley	\$ 70.26	
Hardy's Garage	11.05	
Jamara Bros. (Rental)	35.00	
	-----	\$ 116.31
Gas and oil		
Labonte's Filling Station		\$ 18.96

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Miscellaneous		
F. G. Stone	\$	1.40
Jack Narrow		2.00
	-----	\$ 3.40
Total		\$ 1,559.67

## Centre Cemetery

Labor and supervision	\$	127.27
Fertilizer and seed		
Wirthmore Stores	\$	67.85
Loam, screened loam and fill		
Jamara Bros.	\$	548.00
Equipment		
Wm. Wareing (Rental)	\$	10.50
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Total	\$	753.62

## SUMMARY OF CEMETERY ACCOUNTS

Cemeteries - General	\$	1,559.67
Centre Cemetery		753.62
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Total	\$	2,313.29

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Paid to	Account	Amount
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### Interest

Fire Station Loan		
Worcester County National Bank	\$	357.50
Municipal Building Loan		
Worcester County National Bank	\$	67.50
School Building Loan		
Worcester County National Bank	\$	81.25
	-----	\$ 506.25

### General Loans

Fire Station		
Worcester County National Bank	\$	2,000.00
Municipal Building		
Worcester County National Bank	\$	1,500.00
School Building		
Worcester County National Bank	\$	500.00

## Temporary Loan

Worcester County National Bank	\$ 9,000.00	
	-----	\$13,000.00

**SUMMARY OF INTEREST AND MATURING DEBTS**

Temporary Loan	\$ 9,000.00	
Interest	506.25	
General Loans	4,000.00	
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Total		\$13,506.25

**AGENCY AND TRUST  
REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS**

Paid to	Account	Amount
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**Payroll Deductions**

Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 3,153.52	
State Withholding Tax	230.06	
Worcester County Retirement	544.86	
	-----	\$ 3,928.44

**Licenses**

Dog Licenses for County		\$ 273.75
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**Cemetery Funds**

Town Treasurer, Perp. Care Income	\$ 563.00	
Town Treasurer, Perp. Care Funds	300.00	
	-----	\$ 863.00

**Alden Fund**

Worcester County Sanatorium	\$ 202.50	
Others	770.00	
	-----	\$ 972.50

**AGENCY AND TRUST  
REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS**

Paid to	Account	Amount
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**Refunds**

Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds		
Various persons		\$ 221.53
Tax refunds		
Poll	\$ 2.00	

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Real Estate	231.00	
	-----	\$ 233.00
Other refunds		
Retirement deduction	\$ 15.00	
Cemetery income	1.75	
	-----	\$ 16.75
		-----
Total refunds		\$ 471.28

## Trusteed Accounts

Town of Oakham	\$ 101.34	
Travellers Insurance Co.	32.00	
	-----	\$ 133.34

## SUMMARY — AGENCY AND TRUST REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

Payroll deductions	\$ 3,928.44	
Licenses	273.75	
Cemetery Funds	863.00	
Alden Fund	972.50	
Refunds	471.28	
Trusteed Account	133.34	
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Total		\$ 6,642.31





**TOWN WARRANT**

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Oakham,  
in the County of Worcester:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs to meet in the town hall, known as Memorial Hall, on Monday, the seventh day of March next at 12M at which time the polls will be opened and will be closed at 8 P.M.

Business meeting will open at 8 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the annual reports of the several town officers and to act thereon.

Article 2. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the School Committee, one Library Trustee and one member of the Cemetery Committee all for three year terms; a Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, three Fence Viewers and a Moderator, for one year terms; and one Planning Board member for a five year term, all on one ballot.

Article 3. To choose all the necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers of the town as provided for by Section 108 Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and equipment used in repairing highways and opening roads during the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treas-

ury such sums of money as are necessary to pay salaries, expenses and outlays of the several town departments for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current fiscal year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said fiscal year.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the improvement of Spencer and New Braintree Roads under Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 from the Overlay Surplus for the purposes of a Reserve Fund or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1500 or any other amount from the Highway Machinery Fund to the Highway Machinery Account or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize and instruct the Board of Assessors to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other amount from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for the current year or take any action relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to accept any trust funds which may be left to the town for the care of cemeteries or for any other purpose.



Article 15. To hear the report of the Oakham Bicentennial Celebration Committee and to act thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to create a Board of Health, separate and distinct from all existing boards and committees or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to request the Board of Health to draw up a set of By-Laws to include rules and regulations governing the use of the town dump, design standards for the installation of septic tanks and drainage fields and any other health problems, existing, or foreseeable, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to make the following amendment to the Town By-Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

## CHAPTER VI

### Budget and Finance Committee

There shall be a Budget & Finance Committee consisting of six legal voters of the Town who shall be appointed by the moderator as hereinafter provided. No elected or appointed town officer or town employee shall be eligible to serve on said committee.

The moderator of the town meeting, when this by-law is adopted, shall, within thirty days after such by-law becomes effective, appoint two members of said committee for terms of one year, two members for terms of two years, and two members for terms of three years. At each annual Town Meeting thereafter the moderator thereof shall appoint two members of said committee for terms of three years. The term of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close or final adjournment of the annual town meeting at which their successors are appointed. Said committee shall choose its own officers, shall serve without pay, and shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said committee by resignation, removal from town, death, failing to qualify or otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled by said committee; and if any member is absent from five consecutive meetings, except in case of illness, said committee shall consider his position vacant and proceed to fill same. The term of office



of all persons chosen as aforesaid to fill vacancies shall expire at the close or final adjournment of the annual town meeting next succeeding said vacancy and, at said annual meeting, the moderator thereof shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of each member whose office has been vacated in the same manner as the original appointment.

To this committee shall be referred all articles in any warrant for a town meeting hereafter issued. The selectmen, after drawing any warrant for a town meeting shall transmit immediately a copy thereof to each member of the Budget & Finance Committee and said committee shall consider all such articles. A public hearing may be held upon all articles unless a public hearing by some other tribunal is required by law and a notice of such hearing shall be given by posting a copy thereof in at least four public places in the town. After due consideration of the subject matter in such articles, said committee shall report thereon to the town meeting such recommendations as it deems best for the interest of the town.

It shall be the duty of the Budget and Finance Committee annually to consider the expenditures of previous years and the estimated requirements for the ensuing year of the several boards, officers and committees of the town as prepared by them in such form and detail as may be prescribed by said committee. Said committee shall add to said statement of expenditures and estimates another column giving the amounts which, in its opinion, should be appropriated for the ensuing year and shall further add thereto, such explanations and suggestions relating to the proposed appropriations as it may deem expedient and report thereon as provided in Section 4.

It shall be the duty of the Budget and Finance Committee to make an annual report of its doings with the recommendations relative to financial matters to be printed with the annual reports of the other town officers.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator, and/or the Selectmen to issue the call for the Discussion Meeting, the Caucus, and the Annual Town Meeting, in the above sequence. The motion "to instruct" shall include: "and instruct the Selectmen to have in the hands of the voters at said Discussion Meeting a mimeo-

graphed copy of the articles to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting," or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to make further improvements to Wright Park or take any action relative thereto.

And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in at least three public places in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this tenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty.

WALTER W. NELSON  
JOHN P. O'DONNELL  
ROGER H. LONERGAN

Board of Selectmen



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